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# PACIFIC PACT SPECULATION IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 23.

The Atlantic defence alliance, linking the U.S. and Canada with Western European nations, may well be the forerunner of a similar pact covering the countries of the Pacific area.

With the announcement of terms of the Atlantic agreement there arose here, in both Oriental and Occidental circles, intensified speculation as to how long it will be before a Pacific Alliance against armed aggression will be forthcoming.

In the minds of numerous observers here, the Atlantic Pact, while primarily concerned with that area, does reach to the Pacific. They base their reasoning on Article Four of the Atlantic agreement, which reads:

"The parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence and the parties' interests in the Pacific area of the Pacific area. Politically, the question might arise concerning the status in such a pact of colonial or semi-colonial territories in the area."

"Since the pact does open to all American states bordering on the Pacific, as well as the European powers with interests in Asia, the conclusion of a Pacific Pact will in effect complete an interlocking defense system of the world," Associated Press.

(signing the pact) is threatened." Several of the nations going into the Atlantic Pact have territorial interests in the Pacific. Examples are Great Britain, France and the Netherlands.

Although Japan is an occupied country and not in control of her foreign relations, it is taken for granted that when and if a similar Pacific Pact is formed Japan will be looked to as an important prospective member.

In the opinion of Chinese and

# CLASH ON INDOCHINA BORDER

Paris, March. 23... French troops fought a fierce battle with a combined Viet-minh Nationalist guerilla force and bands described as Chinese Communists on the border of Tongking yesterday, according to despatches reaching usually well-informed sources here today.

troops have mastered the situation.

Despatches said that Communist bands are not regular detachments of the armies of the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung.

A usually well-informed source told Reuters that frontier clashes with armed Chinese have been taking place for some time, but that yesterday's incident was on

The spokesman of the Ministry of Overseas Colonies said that the pressure exerted along the Chinese-Indochinese border by troops believed to be Communist has increased.

The spokesman declined to comment on reports that several sharp clashes had taken place between French troops and Vietnamese supported by

He said he could not confirm reports that the Communist troops were part of the Chinese regular Communist army.

Meanwhile, M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner, for Indo-China, arrived in Saigon by air from Singapore today.

M. Pignon left Paris on March 17 and spent two days in Singapore, where he met Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia.

Traditionally costumed players escort the tattered "peace flag" of 1648 during celebrations in the Town Hall of Munster, Westphalia, Germany, to mark the 300th anniversary of the Westphalian Peace, which ended the Thirty Years' War in 1648. The ceremony in the "Peace Hall" of the bombed municipal building was the climax to a procession through Munster's war-torn streets. (AP Photo).

# Chinese Communists Occupy Old Jap Base

## PLANS FOR 'EXERCISE LANCER'

A "situation" is being built up by the authorities concerned for "Exercice Lancer", which will begin at midnight on Sunday.

The combined Police-Army-Navy-Air Force exercise will be carried out mainly in the New Territories where mock battles with agitators, Fifth Columnists, looters and saboteurs have been planned to take place. Troops in the New Territories are at present being deployed to key positions along the Kowloon-Canton Railway and other strategic points on the Mainland.

# Soldier Wants To Go To Gallows

Manchester, March 23.  
An Army warrant officer, aged 40, who has been married 10 years, offered today to go to the gallows in place of Mrs. Ronee Duffy, aged 19, now in the condemned cell at Manchester's Strangeways Prison, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband.

In a letter to Mrs. Duffy's relatives, the soldier, Warrant Officer Fred Thomson, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, asked to take the punishment, even if Mrs. Duffy's appeal against the sentence fails, to show his gratitude for the women of Britain.

He said in an interview that Mrs. Duffy is a young woman, who has had not much happiness in life so far.

Mrs. Duffy, mother of a 14-year-old boy, aged 11 months, was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of her husband, George Duffy, Mr. Duffy said on Monday that Mrs. Duffy had made an appeal against the sentence, but changed her mind yesterday after her mother, Mrs. Emily Russel, had visited her in prison.

Mrs. Russel said thousands of signatures for a "reprieve" had been collected and applications for forms are still coming in.

Heuler.

Asked what his wife would think about his offer, Thomson said she would understand. "A soldier has no time for sentiment. We have a job to do and if death is part of the price we don't grumble," he added.

Mr. Thomson, who lives at Kidderminster, Worcester-shire, have no children. "When I read the tragic case of Mrs. Duffy, I felt I would like to do something to show my gratitude to the women of this country," Thomson said.

"Whenever I have heard a

# KOREA-JAPAN TRADE PACT

Tokyo, March 23.—Korea and Japan have negotiated a \$20,000,000 trade agreement, trade resources reported here today. An official announcement will probably be made tomorrow.

The agreement calls for the export of consumer goods to Korea and the import of various commodities from Japan. Korea

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## Picking The Delegates

The Presidential advisor, K. Chieh-hou, said today that peace negotiations will open shortly after the Government names its peace delegates.

Mr. Kan declared in an exclusive interview that it is up to the Government to decide the number of delegates and the time that peace negotiations will open. He added that the Communists will fix the place of the meeting.

Mr. Kan's statement is the clearest indication that the Communists have actually consented to talk peace.

Mr. Kan said: "Acting P.

### Cabinet's Tasks

Referring to General Hu Ying-chin's Cabinet, President Li said that the problem of

# Chiang Preparing To Go To Amoy

Nanking, March 23.  
The Chinese press today reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is preparing to leave his birthplace, Chikow, to take up residence on Kulangsu Island off the Fukienese port of Amoy.

Part of the Presidential encouragement is reported to have led for Amoy, General Shih Tzu-leh, former commander of Chiang Kai-shek's garrison, was recently appointed Garrison Commander of Amoy.

Chiang Kai-shek's villa on the island has been ready for some time. One of the most famous of former international settlements in South China was formerly situated on this island. Kailung was the name of the Nationalist cruiser. Chungking, recently detected to be Communists, considerable doubt was raised as to whether Chiang Kai-shek would risk a trip to the island. That hazard has now been cleared away with the destruction of the ship by

Nationalist bombers last week after it was found in the Manchurian port of Hailu.

Departure of Chiang Kai-shek for Kailung would effect by a greater withdrawal by the Generalissimo participation in Government affairs.

Such a step has been taken upon by Government leaders out of fear that his presence close to Nanking may hamper peace negotiations.

Political observers believe Chiang Kai-shek may time departure from Chikow to clear all obstacles to peace, which now appear imminent. Associated Press.

Indo-China and Malaya the powers that are wondering for arms and supplies for the "insurgents" within their border

might be finding their way across the narrow piece of water separating them from Itu Aba.

Here is the story as it reached the China Mail:

An American Army group attached to the 600th Graves Registration Company in the Philippines was ordered several weeks ago to proceed to Itu Aba to look for the remains of the crew of a American bomber which crashed there during the war. The island to the best of their knowledge was deserted.

## Beach Defences

As the men approached the shore, however, they became aware that such was not the case. The beach was dotted with clumps of bushes and in each bush there was a machine gun, behind which there stood an alert Chinese soldier.

The Americans were taken into custody immediately, questioned, then ordered to leave once.

They estimated the number of their captors at approximately 250. They were told that the island was supplied by Chinese sailing ship which came every two months, but nothing

# ISRAEL - LEBANON ARMISTICE

El Naqura, Lebanon, March 23.  
Israel and Lebanon signed an armistice agreement at the Commons House here this morning.

The armistice pact, the second signed by Israel with one of her Arab neighbours, was hailed by the head of the Israeli delegation as "the beginning of an era of peace and amity for our part of the world."—Associated Press.

## THE WEATHER

At 0400 GMT (2 p.m. HST) the Siberian anti-cyclone continued to dominate over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh Easterly winds, Cloudy scattered drizzle.

Thursday  
Maximum: 85.6 deg. Fah.  
Minimum: 60.5 deg. Fah.  
Sunshine: 0.3 hour.

Rainfall: 0.1 mm. Total since Jan. 1—  
193.7 mm.      Wind velocity—average of 133.0 m.p.h.—3.54 kts.  
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## Court's Warning On Evidence

"It is as well for the public to remember that in a case of violent or unnatural death, not only are they not serving the ends of justice and truth by destroying bottles and other vital bits of evidence but they may also be doing a definite disservice to themselves."

That was what Mr. Blair-Kerr said in a rider to his findings after an inquiry into the death of a married woman, Leung Tai, who took a dose of corrosive acid and died from the effects five days later. The verdict of Mr. Blair-Kerr was death by suicide.

## Hotel Boy To Be Deported

Wong Wing, aged 22, a room boy of the Tai Ah Boarding House, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, without option of a fine, and deportation for living on immoral earnings.

The prosecution stated that on the night of March 22, Sub-Inspector Dow was on duty at Temple Street and Salween Street. He saw defendant walking with a prostitute towards the Tai Ah Boarding House. When he saw the inspector, defendant quickly ran away. When questioned, the girl admitted that she was a prostitute and that defendant was to introduce her to a customer at the boarding house.

The inspector then took the girl to the boarding house where she pointed out the defendant. The girl, in evidence, said that Tuesday night, she and defendant went to the boarding house. She received \$8 from the customer on each occasion, and had to give defendant \$2 as a commission.

## Abortion Case Withdrawn

Ho Kiu, married woman, aged 64, and Tang Fo-tak, co-accused, aged 35, were discharged by the Chief Justice on an abortion charge yesterday, when the Crown withdrew the case.

Accused had been charged with using an instrument for procuring an abortion, and Ho Kiu was additionally charged with manslaughter of a woman, Lee Koon-kui, aged 44, at Tai-po on December 10 last year. The Crown was represented by Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, and Ho Kiu by Mr. John McNeill. Tang was not legally represented.

## Court Brevities

"The other man who got away with my tools to cut the cable," said Wong Fei, a Talkoo Dockyard worker, when he was charged at Central with stealing 11 feet of armoured cable from the Talkoo Dockyard. He admitted that he knew they were being used for the purpose, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

For possessing "Fat" lottery tickets for sale, a woman Kwong Ting, aged 48, was fined \$300.

Ng Chun Wah was playing cards at 379, Hennessy Road with a group of fellow-workers, when another fop, Tsang Cheng, asked them to stop playing. This angered Ng, who went into the kitchen, picked up a chopper and hit Tsang on the face. Charged with causing grievous bodily harm, Ng, aged 17, was sentenced to two months and expelled.

Asked what she was doing at battery, Patch, Lee Mei, 25, widow aged 25, said she was on her way back to Wanchai from Western District. "Why didn't you take the way to the Peak?" asked Inspector Mackay, prosecuting. Lee pleaded not guilty to the charge of loitering for an immoral purpose. "Since you want to reform yourself, I take a lenient view," said Mr. Hin-shing Lo, "and give you \$200 for the boys' new hopes for a warning of banishment."

## Colony Has 11,000 Motor Vehicles

In 1948 there were 11,767 motor vehicles of all kinds on the roads of the Colony. The number in 1947 was 9,260. The vehicles operated on 410 miles of thoroughfares—roads and streets—of Hong Kong. Traffic accidents in 1948 were 67 fatal, 474 serious, and 1,948 slight.

## CEREMONY AT NEW CHURCH

Originally a small chapel erected in 1811 as a centre of worship for destitute women, the new St. Mary's Church at Causeway Bay will be consecrated tomorrow by the Right Reverend Bishop B. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong and South China.

The worshippers at the chapel were the inmates of the Eyre Refugee Shelter. The church today enters to the spiritual needs of one of the largest parishes in Hong Kong, and has a total membership of 800.

The original building was built in 1811 largely through the generosity of the Church Missionary Society, which appropriated \$4,000 from the Pan Anglican Fund towards the cost of building.

With increased membership and general activities, the Church building was found too small and inadequate. It was pulled down in 1936.

Largely through the generosity of Mr. Kan-Tat-choi, the present building was completed in 1937. Mr. Kan also has since donated \$20,000 in 1938, toward a further \$100,000. The church will be consecrated tomorrow. On Saturday a tablet in memory of Mr. Kan-Tat-choi, set up in the Parish Hall, will be unveiled by the Venerable Lee Kuan-yan, Archbishop of Hong Kong. The unveiling ceremony will be followed by a dinner party.

## 'Surprise' To Be Surveyed

The ss. 'Surprise', which ran aground at Waglan Island on Tuesday morning in thick fog, was slightly holed in her No. 1 and 2 double-bottom holds, but the vessel is dry. The 8,000-ton freighter is in drydock at Talkoo Dockyard and a final survey will be made today, before repairs are begun on her.

The local agents report that the master has not made his report yet, but he will possibly do so today.

The American vessel was travelling at dead slow speed when she ran into Waglan Point, 700 yards off the normal course.

The cargo is reported to be safe and will remain aboard until the 'Surprise' resumes her trip to San Francisco within two or three days, the agents state.

## ORPHAN FINDS A NEW HOME

A widow on a junk anchored in Yaumati, having no children of her own, is now the new mother of a boy, aged 12, whose parents were killed during the Japanese occupation.

The boy found his new home through the Juvenile Court before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday when he was charged with begging. There his pitiable circumstance was investigated by Mr. Chung Wah-kui, representative of the Juvenile Care Centre, who is responsible for the boys' new hopes for a secure future.

## GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG HOTELS

The Hong Kong Hotels, Limited, which operate four leading hotels in the Colony, are still faced with considerable expenditure in order to fulfil their rehabilitation programme, said the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo in his Chairman's address to the annual meeting of shareholders, held in the Company's Registered Office. Sir Lo added that it has been decided to air-condition the first floor and the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, and it is felt that these requirements should be met by a call of further capital rather than from surplus working revenue and recourse to overdraft facilities.

The Chairman stated that the management is to be congratulated upon the result of the year's trading and the appropriation of the balance at the credit of Profit and Loss account.

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The following were present at the meeting: Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Lawrence Kadoorie, (represented by Mr. H. K. Kadoorie), D.C. Davis, H. R. Cleland, F.C. Barry (managing director), A. Sommerfelt (Secretary).

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There appears to be nothing further calling for useful comment on my part and I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, that a Dividend of \$1.50 per share, free of tax, be paid on 1,193,807 shares, the payment of a bonus of 50 cents on the similar number of shares from the profits not liable to Hong Kong Tax and from the then remaining balance of the year's profit of \$1,203,077.02 the sum of \$500,000.—be transferred to General Reserve, \$500,000.—be placed to a Special Depreciation Reserve and the sum of \$203,077.02 carried forward to the 1949 Account.

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## Driver Gets His Gold Back

One hundred and fifty taels of gold valued at approximately \$50,000 was ordered to be returned to Lee Yam, a train driver, when Mr. Blair-Kerr ruled: the submission by his counsel, Mr. Peter Slin, that there was no case to answer.

Lee was charged with exporting the gold after he was arrested at Chatham Road, where the gold was found on him.

Police evidence in court stated that Lee was in a taxi near the ICCR workshop, when the vehicle was stopped for routine search. Lee was stated to have told the police that he had the gold on him after some questioning, was taken to the Hong Kong Station where he was charged.

Lee was also alleged to have told the police that he, when stopped, was on his way towards 272 Chatham Road, the home of a relative. He had come from an address at Woo Sang Street, it was stated.

In his submission, Mr. Peter Slin said that the prosecution must bring evidence to show that defendant when arrested had been at some wharf, station, or air field, or any other centre of disembarkation, from the Colony and that evidence must also show that he had attempted to export the gold with out valid permission.

The only evidence produced by the prosecution, continued Mr. Slin, was that defendant had been searched and found in possession of the gold while in a taxi at Chatham Road, and that even the police agreed the vehicle could not be traced to any other place.

"Defendant is an uneducated man, and the gold is to be returned to him," concluded Mr. Blair-Kerr.

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## WANT TO STAY IN HONG KONG

Five Korean seamen were charged with vagrancy before Mr. P.K. d'Almeida at Central yesterday. They are Song Dyoung-mu, King Yung-chung, Choi Yung-gup, Yung-hai and Choi Yung-gup.

According to the prosecution the defendants missed their ship on Tuesday. They were on their way to Northern Korea. "Speaking on behalf of the other defendants," King Yung-chung said they would rather die in Hong Kong than be sent back to Korea.

Mr. d'Almeida ordered they be detained in the House of Detention until such time as arrangement could be made to send them back.

## PASSENGERS BY DUNERA

A number of passengers have embarked by the ss. Dunera from the United Kingdom for Hong Kong. In addition to 46 civilian passengers there are 31 Service families and two Chinese who will disembark here.

The passengers are: Mr. N. Hinton, Mr. E. H. Hinton, Mr. J. A. Hinton, Mr. R. A. Hinton, Mr. G. H. Hinton, Mr. L. H. Hinton, Mr. M. H. Hinton, Mr. P. H. Hinton, Mr. Q. H. Hinton, Mr. R. H. Hinton, Mr. S. H. Hinton, Mr. T. H. Hinton, Mr. U. H. Hinton, Mr. V. H. Hinton, Mr. W. H. Hinton, Mr. X. H. Hinton, Mr. Y. H. Hinton, Mr. Z. H. Hinton, Mr. A. H. Hinton, Mr. B. H. Hinton, Mr. C. H. Hinton, Mr. D. H. Hinton, Mr. E. H. Hinton, Mr. F. H. Hinton, Mr. G. H. Hinton, Mr. H. H. Hinton, Mr. I. H. Hinton, Mr. J. H. Hinton, Mr. K. H. Hinton, Mr. L. H. Hinton, Mr. M. H. Hinton, Mr. N. H. Hinton, Mr. O. H. Hinton, Mr. P. H. Hinton, Mr. Q. H. Hinton, Mr. R. H. Hinton, Mr. S. H. Hinton, Mr. T. H. Hinton, Mr. U. H. Hinton, Mr. V. H. Hinton, Mr. W. H. Hinton, Mr. X. H. Hinton, Mr. Y. H. Hinton, Mr. Z. H. Hinton, Mr. A. H. Hinton, Mr. B. H. Hinton, Mr. C. H. Hinton, Mr. D. H. Hinton, Mr. E. H. Hinton, Mr. F. H. Hinton, Mr. G. H. Hinton, Mr. H. H. Hinton, Mr. I. H. Hinton, Mr. J. H. Hinton, Mr. K. H. 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## CREW LIVES IN STYLE ON BOARD BEN VESSEL

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Young Robert Robertson may only be a cabin boy, but, unlike others, the teen-ager relaxes in state in his cabin aboard the new British steamer Benclouch, which arrived here yesterday on her maiden voyage from London.

Even the Chinese ship's painter, 40-year-old Sin Cheong, has an identical one-bunk cabin, complete with armchair, convertible desk with wide drawers, rubber mattress, chest and locker, bright-blue pillows, two clean white sheets, two neatly-rolled blankets and a table-lamp.

On the cream enamel bulkhead is a silver-edged mirror with shaving stand, situated at a convenient spot. Green and damask curtains decorate the port-hole. A wide door met on the threshold of the cabin when they step on the land-in linoleum deck.

From cabin boy to the skipper each of the 54-man personnel of the latest acquisition of the Ben Line fleet has his own cabin, and aboard the Benclouch the well-known saying "An Englishman's home is his castle" manifests itself manifestly.

Once inside his cabin, a seaman is "lord of all he surveys" and a virtuous reflection on the discipline is the conspicuous fact that each of them is well-kept and clean. Each cabin is identified, and 18-year-old Robertson has "Boy" in large white letters on his door.

Built early this year, the 13,700-ton British steamer is the fourth ship of the Ben Line fleet and the second of seven new modern-designed vessels to provide each seaman with a cabin. Coming here in the very near future are the Benavon and Benader. The Benclouch, which made her maiden voyage recently, is the first of the seven.

**"Very Comfy"**  
Three similar sister ships are at present under construction in the United Kingdom.

Among the crew, headed by Mr. Graham McGill of Edinburgh, are 48 British and six Chinese. Sin Cheong, who has been at sea for 19 years as filter, carpenter and painter, joined the Benclouch at London, whence she started her maiden trip to the Far East.

During his 19 years of seafaring, Mr. Sin had been sharing his cabin with 10 to 20 persons.

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

### Harbour Tunnel

Sir—The comment on Hong Kong put forth by this visiting Journalist, Bengue, in Westerns, a suggestion which to me appeared to have real merit. He suggested building a tunnel across the harbour and doing away with ferries.

Lots of us spend a good hour and a half every day waiting for those miserable vehicles to come alongside and carry us across the harbour. We spend the waiting time jammed into the "stockade" like so many animals on their way to the slaughter-house. When we may or may not get seats—and we do get them, for they are hard, uncomfortable and partly exposed to the weather.

In few, if any, modern cities in the world today is the public compelled to travel in such a fashion. This is a relic of another century which surely should have no place in the much advertised but secrecy-cloaked New Hong Kong planned by Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

A bridge is out of the question, I suppose, because of typhoons—or is it? But what is there to prevent our having a tunnel? Then traffic could flow freely from Hong Kong to Kowloon and back 24 hours a day.

You will never convince me, either, that this Colony could not afford such a structure. Just look at the annual profits of the Star Ferry Company!

WEARY WILLIE.

## Three Million Dollars Worth Of Loot

Hobbers and petty thieves stole property to the value of HK\$3,500,000 during last year, according to the 1948 annual report of the Government.

The police, however, recovered more than HK\$250,000 of the stolen property. Serious crime dropped from 13,704 cases in 1947 to 11,008 in 1948. There was also a marked decrease last year in robberies of all kinds—from 375 in 1947 to 227 that year.

## American Admiral Arriving

Vice-Admiral D. C. Badger, of the United States Navy, who is Commander Naval Forces, West Pacific, is due to arrive here for a short visit at 8 a.m. today in the Amphibious Force Flagship, Eldorado. Official calls will start at 9.40 a.m. when the American Consul-General calls on the Admiral. This will be followed by Vice Admiral Badger's call on the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station Vice Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, in HMS London.

The call will be returned by Vice Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Chief Officer Second-in-Charge, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief. The Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, Commodore C. L. Robertson will accompany Admiral Madden.

At 12.20 a.m. Admiral Badger will leave the USS Eldorado and proceed to Queens Pier. There, he will be met by Commodore Robertson with a guard from HMS Tamar on the pier. Following inspection of the guard, Admiral Badger will return the call of the American Consul-General, returning to his flagship at about 12 noon.

At 12.45 p.m. he will proceed to HMS London where the Commander-in-Chief will give luncheon party at which Admiral Badger will meet the Governor and Senior Officers of the Services.

In the evening, Admiral Badger will give a reception at the American Club and later dine with Sir Patrick Brind on board London.

Tomorrow, Admiral Badger will dine with the Governor before attending the dance which is being held in HMS London. Admiral Badger is due to leave on March 29.

## FOOD COSTS

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended March 19 follow:

Rice and Flour	7.2 cwt HK\$4,670
Wheat	1.0
Salt Cabbage	1.0
Oil	1.0
Tea	1.0
Salt Fish	1.0
Fish	1.0
Pork	1.0
Firewood	1.0
Beef Cuts, 14 pieces	1.0
Total	HK\$12,810

## PRICELESS TREASURES TO BE ON DISPLAY

An uncommon kind of art exhibition in the Colony will be held when Mr. Henry Young's rare collection of Chinese bronzes, ceramics and paintings is presented in a display to the public at the Fung Ping Shan Library tomorrow.

The opening ceremony will be performed by the Governor at 5.30 p.m. The exhibition will then be thrown open to the public for several days.

In 34 years of painstaking studies of Chinese art and its history, Mr. Young has accumulated some thousands of pieces of invaluable relics from days as far back as the birth of Christ.

Asked what his collection is worth, Mr. Young smiled pondered, then said: "Its artistic value cannot be assessed in monetary terms. But during lifetime of collection I have spent more than \$1,000,000. And as many years ago in all the old cities of China, you can imagine what their materialistic worth is like."

Mr. Young's collection has been in the very old stories to tell one which is quite modern and as exciting as its history. It was during the war of December, 1941.

Suspecting that hostilities would soon begin, Mr. Young had his priceless collection packed into some hundreds of cases. At that time, he was living in Prince Edward Road. Two days before the shooting began, however, he had the cases transferred to a relative's home on Kennedy Road on the island.

## Friendly Japanese

When Kowloon gave way to the Japanese, looters came into his house, knowing of his treasure, and were they disappointed, said Mr. Young.

All this transfer was done in a terrific rush Mr. Young said. Even in the safe custody of his relatives the cases were not completely reclining at ease. The shelling of Kennedy Road began and once more the priceless bulk of his collection had to be attended to, moving from here to there as the Japanese looted and at the same time taking care that the fragile pieces remained intact.

The Japanese entry soon gave the cases and Mr. Young a temporary spot for looters' activities stopped, or at least waned. The next danger came from the Japanese themselves. But fortunately, said Mr. Young, one of the officers in the Japanese Army was a certain Tanaka, who ran a book shop in Wanchai previous to the war.

Mr. Young said that he had made all his art catalogue purchases from Tanaka whose help at that particular moment was almost as valuable as the articles he was trying to save.

## Uncommon Treat

Fortunately Tanaka proved to be a friend, continued Mr. Young, for soon his collection was safe from the inquisitive gaze of the Japanese. During the whole period of the war, Mr. Young stuck on to his treasures, selling a few pieces to

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## TB CASES

A total of 125 cases of tuberculosis was reported to the Health Department during the week ended March 12. Deaths from the disease in the same period were 48—almost seven a day.

Deaths in the same week totalled 898 as against 201 deaths.

## POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

**Outward Mails**  
OUTWARD AIRMAIL SERVICE TO UNITED KINGDOM  
Commencing from Monday, March 21, 1949, the Outward Airmail to United Kingdom will be closed on Mondays and Thursdays at Kowloon (GPO) 4.30 p.m. and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

Surface mail for Thailand and Poland can be accepted for outward transmission via Shanghai and Chongqing.  
Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If made close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing time.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Canton and Hankow (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m. (Reg.) 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.; Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.; Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.; Airmail for Kunming and Luchow; Airmail for Amoy, Ningbo and Ningbo; (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.; Airmail for Kowloon; Airmail for Swatow and Tainan, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.; Airmail for Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Madras, Alexandria (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, Kowloon GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.; Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.; Airmail for Shanghai and Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.; Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.; Closing Times for: Hothow and Pakhoi, 10 a.m.; Swatow, Noon; Penang via Kowloon, 2 p.m.

## RASC Men Acquitted

An RASC driver, Cheng Chun-cheung, and an RASC fireman, Hui Cheung, were acquitted at Central yesterday by Mr. Hin-shing Lo on a charge of demanding \$500 with menace from a woman, Wong Choi-fong.

In passing judgment, the magistrate remarked that upon review of the evidence, he entertained a very grave and substantial doubt as to defendants' guilt. He would say without hesitation that the story and accusation of the complainant and her mother were certainly inspired by certain elements, including her male friends and lovers, and also by the quarrel between complainant and Hui Cheung's wife.

As such their story was not worthy of any degree of credence. "I therefore, acquit both defendants," he concluded, "of this serious and grave charge and send them back to barracks to establish their career and lead a life of usefulness."

## Died After Dog Bite

Sitting as Coroner, Mr. F. X. d'Almada held an inquiry into the death of Chan To, aged 44 at Central yesterday.

Dr. A. Combes said that he examined the body of deceased and found his right hand showed sign of been bitten by a dog. Death in his opinion was cerebral paralysis due to rabies.

Chan was bitten by a dog on July 14 last year. He did not report to the police and had treatment from a Chinese herb-doctor.

Six months later he felt ill and was taken to the Sun Yuen Hospital where he died.

Mr. d'Almada returned a verdict of death from rabies.

## GOLD & ROLLED GOLD WATCHES



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## NOTICE

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT &amp; LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company in Entertainment Building, 5th Floor, on Thursday the 4th day of April 1949 immediately following the Ordinary Yearly Meeting due to be held at 12 noon on that day for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Special Resolutions:

1. That there shall be added immediately after Article 108 of the Articles of Association the following four Articles:

108a. Any general meeting declaring a dividend may resolve that such dividend be paid wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets, and in particular of paid-up shares, debentures, or debenture stock of the Company, or paid-up shares, debentures, or debenture stock of any other company, or in any one or more of such ways.

108b. Any general meeting may resolve that any moneys, investments, or other assets forming part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, or any capital redemption reserve fund, or in the hands of the Company and available for dividend be capitalised and distributed amongst such of the shareholders as would be entitled to receive the same if distributed amongst such of the shareholders as would be entitled to receive the same if distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions as in the same proportions as the footing thereto as they become entitled to any part of such capitalisation or re-valuation of the Company's assets in paying up in full, either at par or at such premium as the resolution may provide, any unissued shares or debentures or debenture stock of the Company which shall be distributed accordingly or in or towards payment of the uncalled liability on any issued shares or debentures or debenture stock, and that such distribution or payment shall be accepted by such shareholders in full satisfaction of their interest in the capitalised sum.

108c. A general meeting may resolve that any surplus moneys arising from the realisation or re-valuation of any capital assets of the Company, or any investments representing the same, or any undistributed profits of the Company not subject to charge for income tax or profit tax, be distributed among the members on the footing that they receive the same as capital.

108d. For the purpose of giving effect to any resolution under the three last preceding articles the Directors may settle any difficulty which may arise in regard to the distribution as they think expedient, and in particular may issue fractional certificates, and may fix the value for distribution of any specific assets, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed or that fractions of less value than \$10.00 may be disregarded in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may vest any such cash or specific assets in trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the dividend or capitalised fund as may seem expedient to the Directors. Where requisite, a proper contract shall be delivered to the Registrar for registration in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, and the Directors may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend or capitalised fund, and such appointment shall be effective.

2. That the first sub-paragraph of Article 108 of the Articles of Association be deleted and that the following be substituted therefor:

The profits of the Company shall be applied as follows:

First, a sum up to \$100,000.00 out of the profits shall be paid and distributed as a dividend among the members in proportion to the amount of capital paid up on the shares held by them respectively; such dividend to be paid in priority to any other payment out of the profits.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the same Meeting the following Resolutions will be submitted for consideration, and if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital of the Company be increased to \$5,000,000.00 by the creation

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## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED. (INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG)

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

## ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949 to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

## THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1949, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 16th to 20th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, LAU TAK PO, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

## THE REFORM CLUB OF HONG KONG

THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the West Lounge, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Thursday, March 24, 1949, at 6 p.m. and THE THIRD PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Monday, March 28, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

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of 400,000 ordinary shares of \$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$999,580.00 being part of the balance standing at the credit of the Capital Reserve consisting of surplus on re-valuation of land and accordingly that such sum be and is hereby capitalised, and distributed in pursuance of the Articles of Association of the Company, and that such capital sum be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 14th day of April 1949 were the holders of the 99,958 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 99,958 new ordinary shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10.00 each and that such 99,958 new ordinary shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every one of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so distributed shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each such shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall from the 1st day of January 1949 rank for dividend pari passu with the already issued shares.

Dated the 25th day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board, GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

## HONG KONG UNIVERSITY

An Exhibition of Chinese Bronzes, Ceramics, and Pictures, from the collection of Mr. Henry Young, will be held in the Fung Ping Shan Library of the University, Bonham Road, on Saturday, March 26th, and Sunday, March 27th, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Invitation cards may be obtained by writing to the Private Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong.

D. J. SLOSS, Vice-Chancellor.

March 18, 1949.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## Notice to Members

Australian Subscription Ponies 1950

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1950 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

The Subscription List will close with THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1949.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 1949.

## THE HOTEL REGULATIONS, 1949

All business in connection with the Hotel Regulations, 1949, will be dealt with between the hours of 2.15 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. only.

A. ST. G. WALTON, Quartering Authority.

March 22, 1949.

## NOTICE

This is to notify that Mr. Tsang Hon Hung who was employed by Francis Wu's Studio as a press photographer is no longer connected with this studio. Any photograph and transaction taken by him hereafter cannot bear Francis Wu's Studio name and we hold no responsibility for them.

FRANCIS WU.

## HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A Casting Meeting will be held for a Radio Play in the China Fleet Club at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 1949.

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## NOTICE

## YACHT CLUB DANCE

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's regular monthly dance will be held at the Clubhouse, Kellett Island on Saturday, March 26, 1949.

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Tickets \$10.00 and table reservations from Club Secretary, Telephone 31210.

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to

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28th March, 1949.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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IT MAY BE LONGER PROTECTING yourself against an opponent's suit being a six-corder is not good bridge if you can make your contract safe in case it is still longer. Unless you have definite proof to the contrary, there is always the chance that such may be the case. It is well to bear that in mind when ruffing the second or third round of a suit, especially if the last defender to play on the trick is the partner of the fellow whose bid or play had shown he held a rather extensive number of cards in the suit being trumped. In such a case, it is well to ruff with the highest trump you can spare.

S 9 7 3  
H 10 8 6  
D 10 7 6 5  
C A 10 6

W N E S  
K Q J 5 4 3 2  
H 10 8 6  
D 10 7 6 5  
C A 10 6

(Dealer: East. West vulnerable.)

East South West North  
Pass Pass 1 H 2 C  
2 S Dbl 3 H 4 C  
4 H

West just went sailing along happily after the club K was led, seeing that his contract was a cinch. He won with the A, ruffed the club 6 with the heart 2, discarded a diamond on the spade A, ruffed the spade 4 with the heart 5 and, was sure his second action!

contract was in the bag, with no possible losers except three in diamonds. The club 10 could be disposed of by ruffing, so he led it and put on dummy's heart 8. Then came the blow. South over-ruffed with the 9. That added to the sure three diamond losers, encompassed his defeat.

"Why, for Heaven's sake didn't you trump that with the queen?" asked his ladylike partner.

"Simply because," he answered, "I didn't dream North would have so many clubs. I counted on him for six and he proved to have seven."

West could just as well have protected himself against the seven as the six he expected. He did not need the heart Q for a trump trick, as he had the other four honours. His debacle was a mere matter of sending a boy on a man's errand.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A J 7 4  
H K 9 5  
D 9 5 3  
C 8 4 3

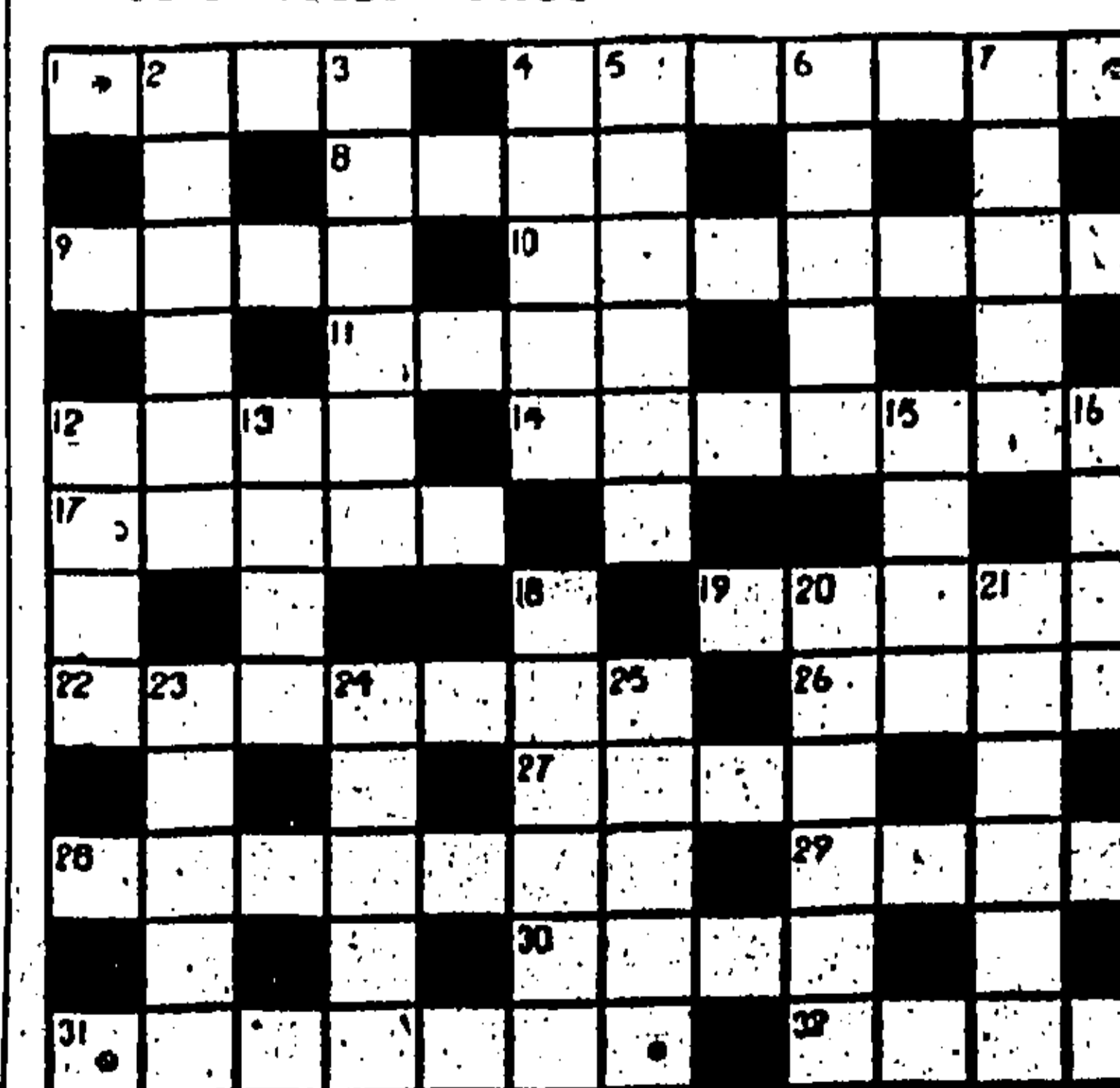
S 9 3  
H 10 8 7 6  
D 10 8 4  
C Q 9 5

W N E S  
K Q J 10 8 5 2  
H A Q J  
D A Q J  
C 6

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

If East bids 1-Club, West 1-Heart, North 1-Spade and East 2-Clubs, what should be South's second action?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- Incautious.
- Hung down.
- Copied.
- Unruffled.
- Bragging.
- Fruit.
- Lake.
- Sharp replies.
- Decorate.
- Part of a

## Down

- Diminished.
- Hinder.
- Exclude.
- Whorl.
- Enthusiasm.
- Damsel.
- Put to flight.
- Scold.
- Sediment.
- Frightens.
- Engage.
- ment he.
- troops.
- The best.
- Happen.
- again.
- Lock.

## Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Poplar, 5. Spire, 8. Refer, 9. Sprout, 10. Revis, 11. Mimic, 12. Used, 13. Oiled, 14. Pertine, 15. Trades, 20. Star, 22. Tame, 23. Staid, 25. Cabin, 26. Tare, 28. Ture.

Down: 1. Features, 2. Permal, 3. Arum, 4. Retired, 5. Serious, 6. Prun, 7. House, 14. Landmark, 15. Diverted, 16. Partner, 17. Revised, 18. Rende, 21. Tare, 24. Ture.

# BONFIRE OF CONTROLS REVEALED IN BRITAIN

## Jap Fishermen Infiltrating P.I. Waters

Manila, March 23. Constabulary Headquarters today reported evidence that Japanese fishermen once again are infiltrating Philippine waters. A spokesman said on March 16 troops in the Batanes Island group off North Luzon surprised a Japanese crew landing from a motorised fishing boat. They opened fire, killing one unidentified Japanese about 35 years old. The flat bottomed wooden boat fell into Constabulary hands. The official report from Batanes failed to mention what happened to the remaining crew members. The spokesman said they presumably escaped somewhere in the islands. Headquarters is asking for additional details from its Batanes detachment.—Associated Press.

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## ROXY THEATRE

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IN THE COLONY

More ration relaxations for Britons were announced today.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, called it a "bonfire of controls."

Until further notice, Britons may have all the milk they want, the Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, announced.

The present ration is two and a half pints a week for adults and five pints for children. Milk was off the ration for three weeks last Spring.

Private industry benefited through the "bonfire" too. Government control over more than 50 raw materials was lifted and a few items which the Government has been handling itself were turned back to private dealers. These include synthetic rubber, pine oil, rosin and turpentine.

### Licences Go

Mr. Wilson told Parliament that the scrapping of these controls will do away with 930,000 Government permits and licences a year and will allow 320 civil servants to be released for other jobs.

He offered no estimate of the time and manpower it will save in private industry.

Mr. Strachey disclosed that the Government has also decided to let grocers remodel their shops up to a maximum cost of £3,000 each to turn them into self-service stores.

### Still Grim

The Government has previously restricted building almost solely to the construction and repair of houses or vital factories.

The self-service shops would result in a saving of manpower as the British housewife, using a large shop now, has to go to the separate counters for fish, meat, poultry, bread and vegetables and be served in person by an assistant.

But as a reminder that life still has its grim side here despite recent sharp improvements, Mr. Strachey said that new food ration books will be issued in April, a little earlier than usual.—Associated Press.

## BEVIN TO VISIT GERMANY

Duesseldorf, March 22. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is to visit Germany after his return from signing the Atlantic Pact in Washington, according to a letter he is stated to have sent to Dr. Karl Arnold, Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Mr. Bevin's letter is said to be in reply to one from Dr. Arnold last week inviting Mr. Bevin to inspect on the spot the frontier alterations proposed by Holland and Belgium.—Reuter.

## Turn In Your Machine-Gun!

Bangkok, March 22. The Siamese Government today called on all private owners of machine-guns to surrender them to the police within 10 days.

A police spokesman said that several hundred Brens, Stens and Tommy guns licensed to civilians at the end of the war would probably be collected.—Reuter.

## RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second, and on 5.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.  
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—"Band Stand", Black Dyke Mills Band and the Huddersfield Chorus and Madras Society (H.K.T.).  
1.00 p.m.—Glen Miller and His Orchestra.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—Light Symphony Orchestra.  
2.00 p.m.—Clear Down.  
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
2.10 p.m.—Children's Story: "Pirate Creek" by Joan Marsh (H.K.T.).  
2.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francaise (Radio).  
2.50 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).  
3.15 p.m.—"An Introduction to the Exhibition of Chinese Bronzes, Ceramics, and Furniture from the Collection of Mr. Henry Young", Given by Hon. Pasching, M.D., Professor of Pathology at H.K. University. (Radio).  
3.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Disc", Presented by Paul Stuart (Radio).  
3.50 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).  
4.10 p.m.—A Short Concert with Glen Miller (Radio) as Guest Artist.  
4.30 p.m.—"Concerto": Piano Concerto in D Minor, K. 465 (Mozart), Edwin Fischer, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
5.00 p.m.—"Hong Kong Dances To": Eddie Gorman and His Orchestra from the Ritz Ballroom. Vocalist: Coral Baller.  
5.30 p.m.—"Pastel": A Play by Thornton Wilder, Adapted from a Short Story by Henry James (H.K.T.).  
6.00 p.m.—Radio News First (London Relay).  
6.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
6.15 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade": A Programme of Continous Music.  
6.45 p.m.—Alfreda Campbell and His Orchestra.  
7.00 p.m.—Country Dance Party. Traditional Dances and Folk Songs (H.K.T.).  
7.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Clear Down.

## Children's Orgy On Ice-Cream

Chatham, March 22. Two detectives followed a trail of ice-cream wrappers and nutshells for more than a quarter of a mile through the streets of Chatham.

It led them to two boys, aged nine and 10 and their sister, aged 12, who were accused at a juvenile court here today of breaking into two shops and stealing 150 cartons of ice cream, 20 boxes of sweets, 11 pounds of peaches, 10 pounds of plums, 28 pounds of oranges, 10 pounds of apples and 10 pounds of nuts, 10 toy pistols, a toy drum, three brooches, four rubber balls, a toy car, nine toy watches, a toy circus ring, three toy farm wagons, nine boxes of toy soldiers, four boxes of crackers and a toy mouse.

They also admitted that they had done £20 worth of damage to a piano, a car and a desk. The two boys were ordered to be boarded out and their sister placed on probation for two years.—Reuter.

## PADEREWSKI WILL MYSTERY

Paris, March 22. The representatives of the heirs of the late Ignace Paderewski, the world famed pianist and one-time Prime Minister of Poland, watched the opening of a 20-year-old sealed envelope at Morgan's Bank, believed to contain the terms of M. Paderewski's will.

Inside, however, was a second sealed envelope, to be opened on March 29 after fresh authority has been obtained.—Reuter.

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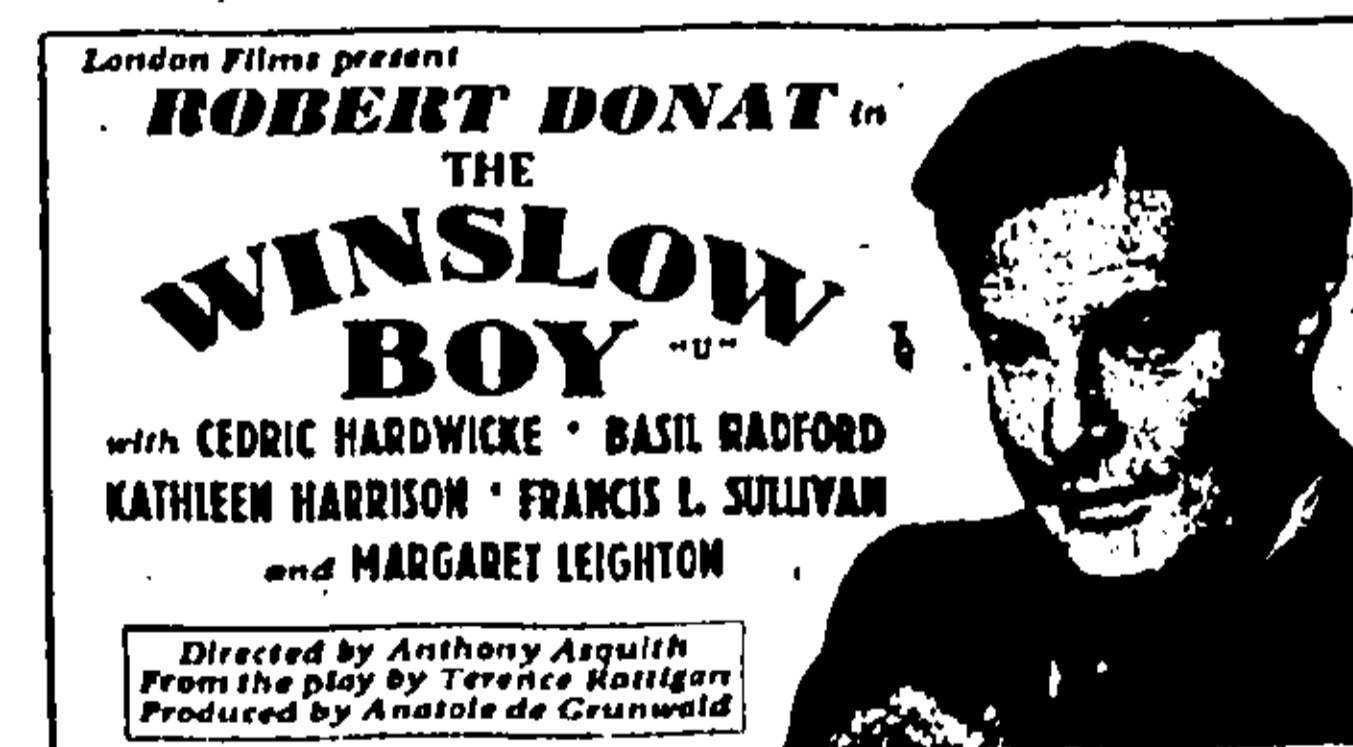
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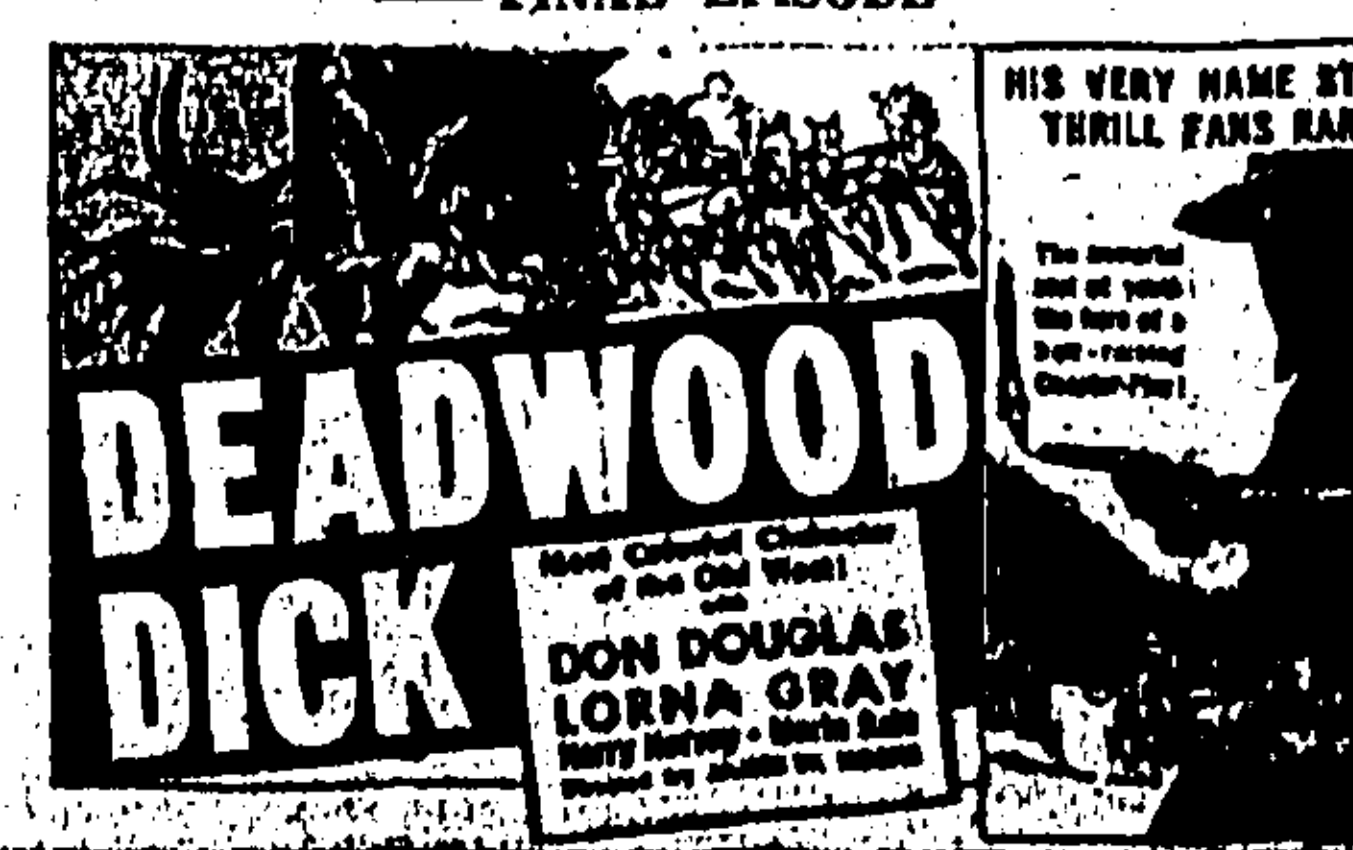


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## CABINET TO DISCUSS BRITISH FILM CRISIS

London, March 22.

The Cabinet will next week consider ways to overcome the present crisis in the film industry. The Cabinet may decide to double the capital of the Film Finance Corporation, which it founded to help producers raise money for films.

The Corporation at present has power to lend up to £5,000,000 on reasonable commercial terms. Film experts believe this capital to be inadequate.

British film-making and exports are regarded by the Government as essential for Britain's balance of payments, but the industry is facing strong international competition, and producers are having difficulty in making their pictures pay.

Their inability to sell more of their pictures abroad, particularly in the United States, is a grave handicap. And in Europe, the yield from British films is affected by currency restrictions.

### Unfair Deal

Producers say that the creative side of the industry is receiving an unfair deal. They point to pictures which have been made at a loss and which have, nevertheless, earned over £1,000,000 at British box offices.

Most of the capital of the industry is invested in Britain's

## GROMYKO GOES TO PARIS

Paris, March 22.

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, and chief of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, arrived in Paris by plane on Sunday from Moscow and went to the Russian Embassy. Soviet officials declined to comment on his travel plans.

The UN Assembly opens on April 5 in Lake Success.—Associated Press.

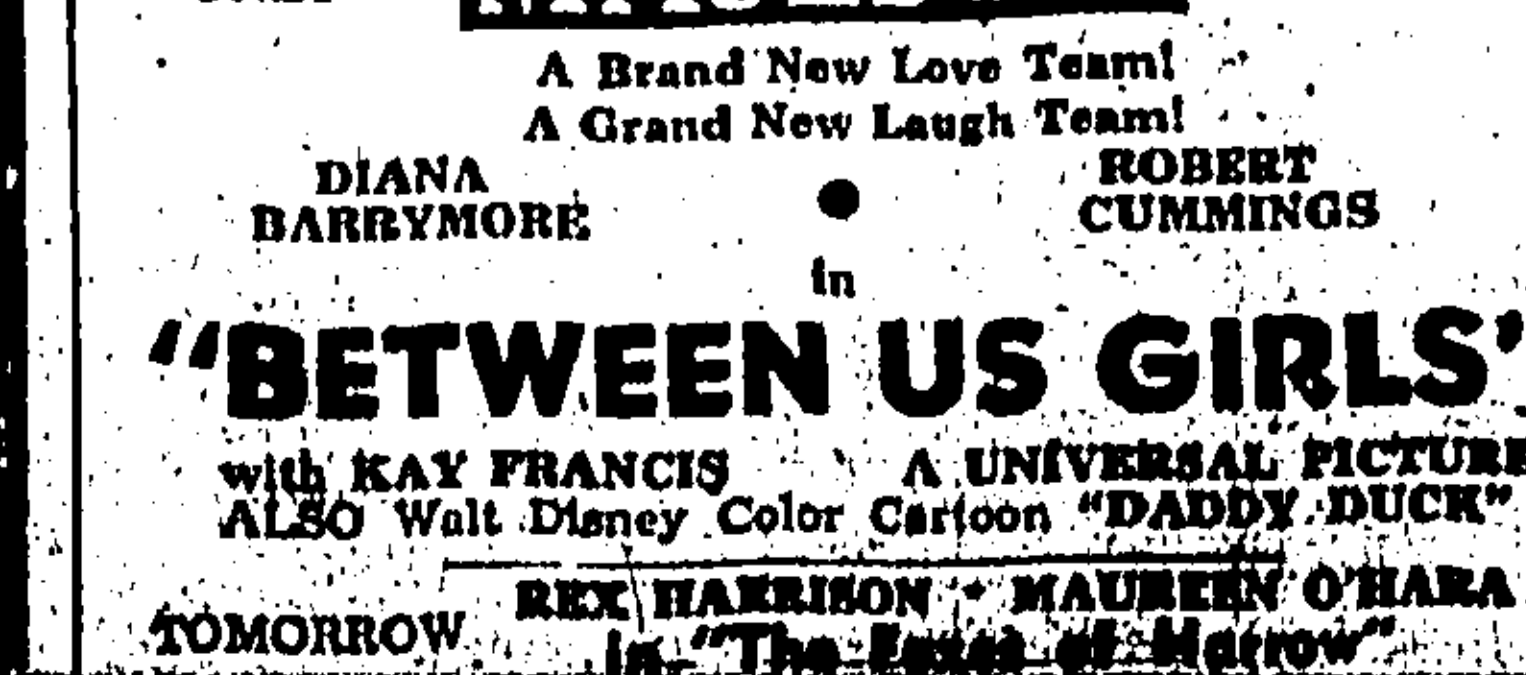
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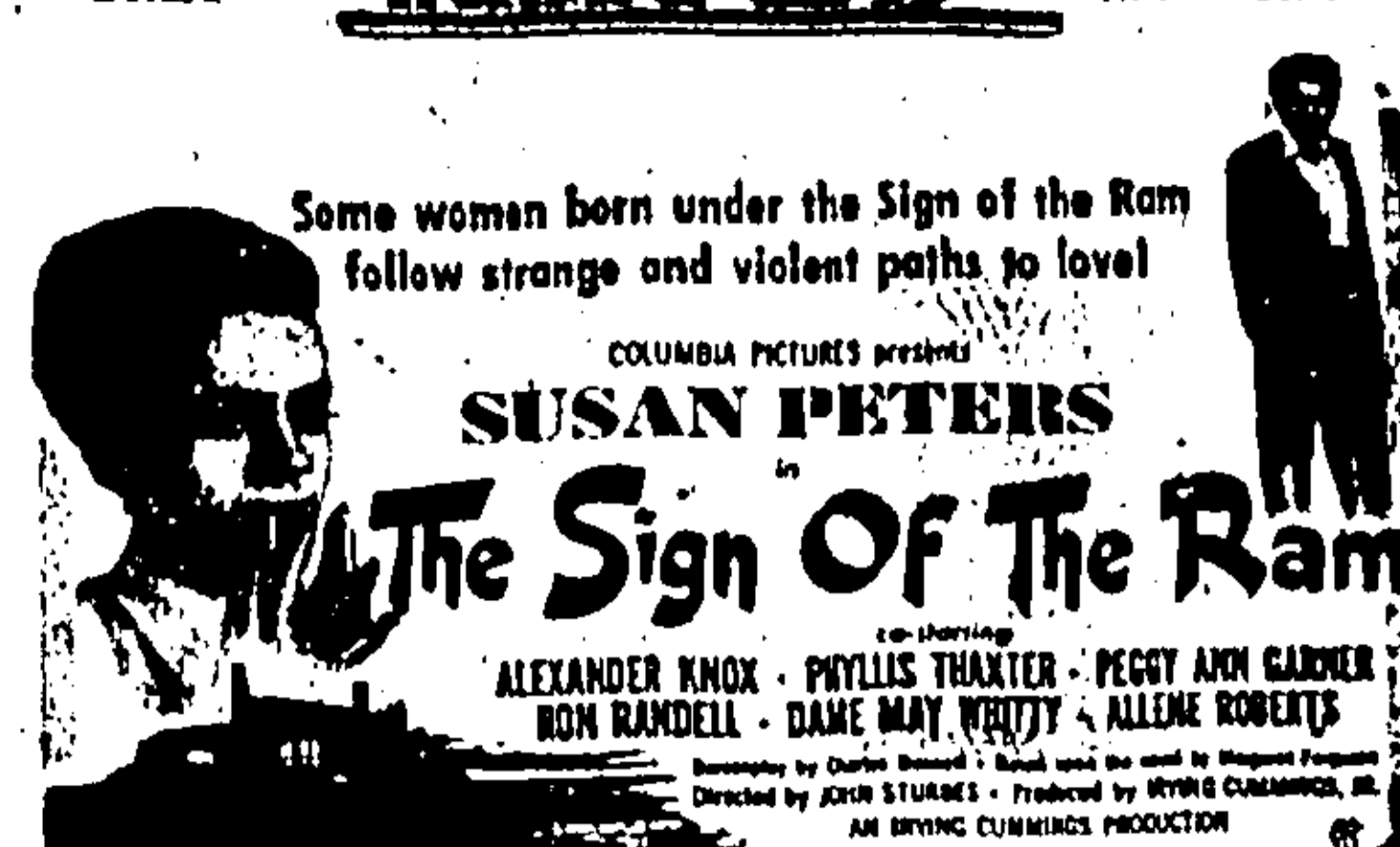


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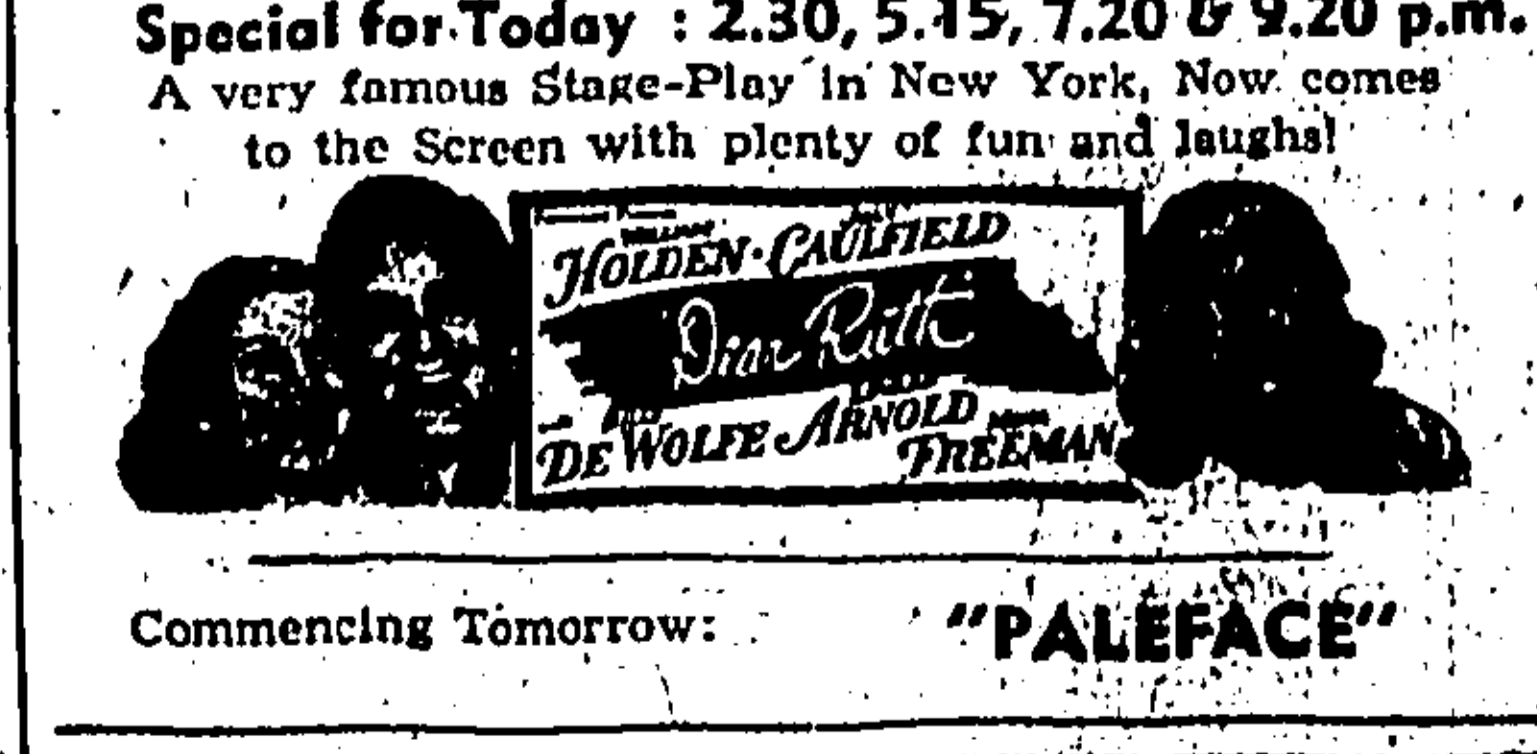
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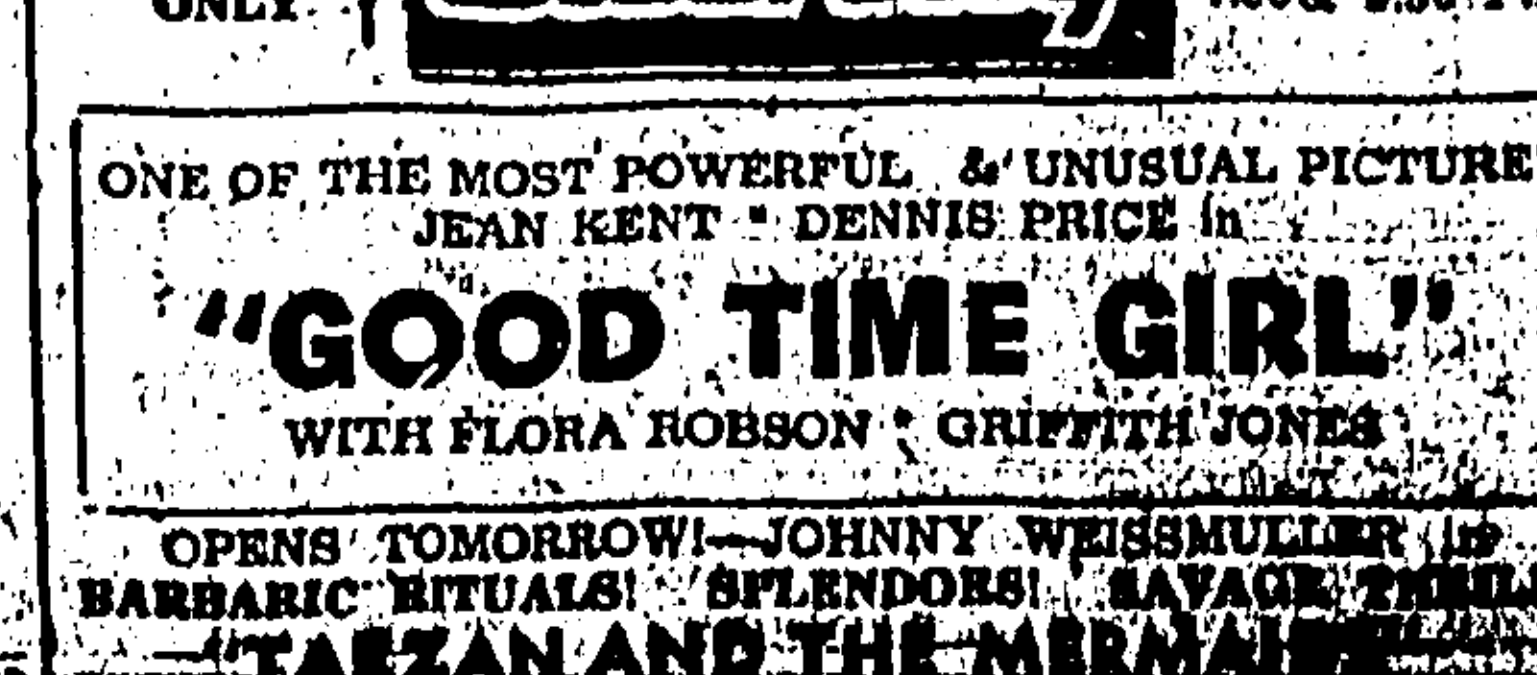
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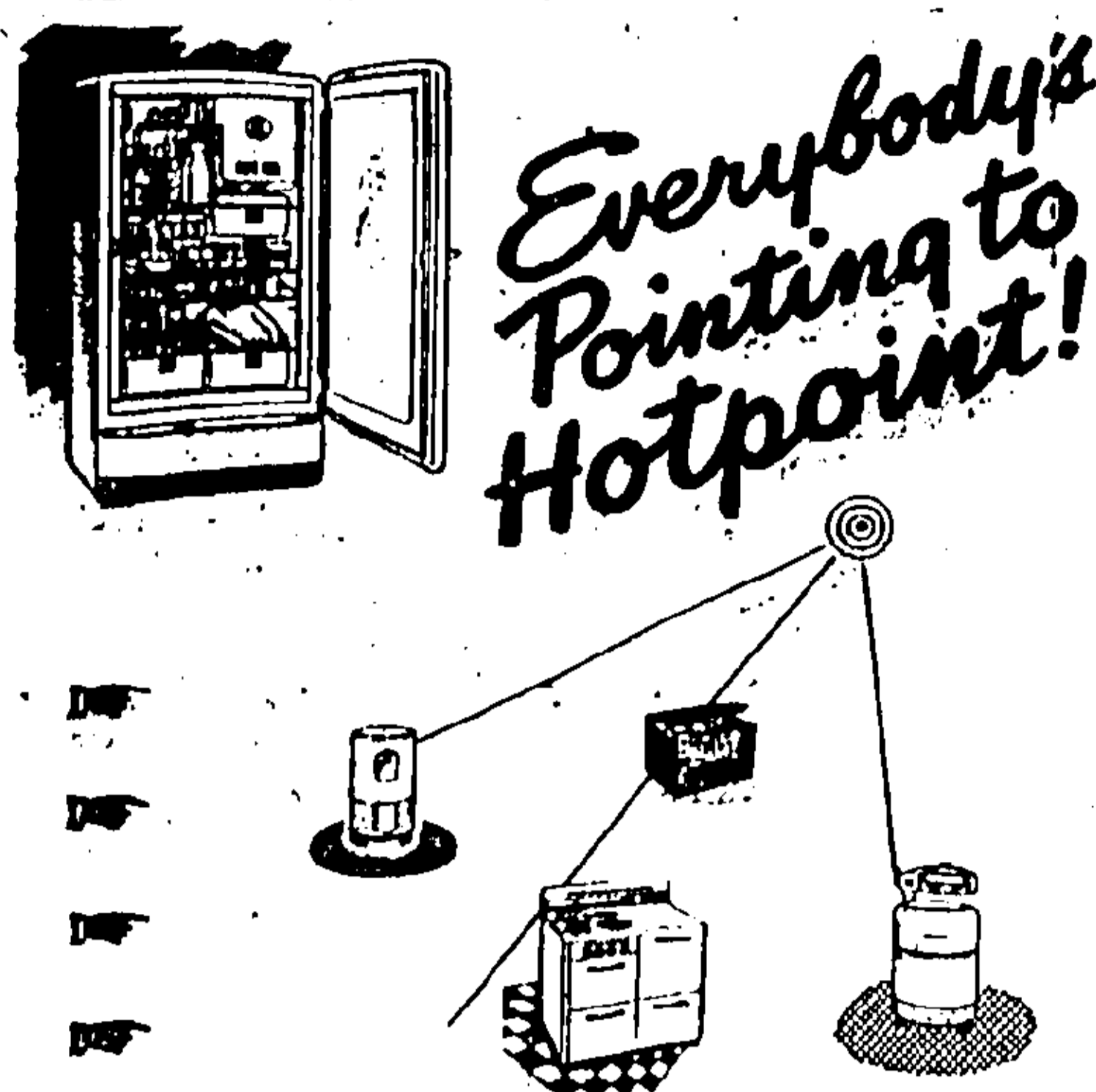
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## Committee Cuts Aid To Europe Estimate

Washington, March 23.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee last night approved continuation of the European Recovery Programme, but it cut US\$200,000,000 off the amount which may be provided through July 1 next year.

However, the Committee approved a "book-keeping" transaction aimed at encouraging American investments in projects to promote European recovery.

House approval of the measure will be asked promptly. April 3 is the deadline on which the ECA is permitted to complete allocation of all the funds it now has available.

This is how the Committee reduced the amount of the programme:

The Administration asked Congress to authorize US\$1,550,000,000 fund for ECA to operate between April 3 and June 30, end of the current fiscal year. The Committee cut that figure by US\$50,000,000.

For the following fiscal year, the ECA asked US\$4,200,000,000. The Committee approved that amount in full. The Administration also wanted authority to make contracts for purchase of US\$100,000,000 worth of supplies to close any gap in the programme during the next fiscal year. The Committee refused.

The measure does not carry any money for ECA operations. It is merely an authorization. The actual funds must be voted in a later bill.

### Paris Meeting

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved authorization of the full US\$5,500,000,000 asked by the Administration. Debate is expected to start there as soon as the U.S. Rent Control Bill is acted upon finally, probably later this week.

Meanwhile the Marshall Aid Organization's 19 member Council will meet in Paris tomorrow to ratify a 1949-50 plan of action, drafted recently by the eight Ministers forming the Western European Economic Council.

The plan, drawn up during a five-day meeting, which ended on March 8, aims at financial stability in all the Marshall aid

nations by 1949. It will ask each member country to provide a report on its internal financial position by May 1, without prejudice to budget secrecy.

The plan also proposes that the seven-member Executive Committee of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation should report any aspects of these reports which appear to indicate that a member is not carrying out the undertakings on financial and monetary stabilization to which it is pledged.

### Fiscal Stability

It also proposes that each country be asked to report on its export drive, on measures to increase productivity and to reduce or eliminate trade barriers.

Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall Plan special Ambassador in France, said after the Economic Cabinet meetings that he believed the plan of action would substantially improve the prospects of European independence of special assistance by 1952, when American aid is due to end.

He regarded the plan's proposal for the financial and monetary stabilization of Europe this year as the most pressing section.

"Fiscal stability—confidence in currencies—is the most needed thing," he said.

Mr. Harriman felt that while a good deal of progress had been made, there is still a tremendous opportunity for increased productivity in Western Europe's factories and farms. He believed the action suggested to reduce trade barriers and to bring about the maximum flow of goods would help to restore the balance of intra-European trade. Associated Press and Reuter.

## Briton In Incident In Prague

Prague, March 22.

Mr. Philip Wildash, British permit officer in Prague with the rank of Consul, was arrested early today by Czechoslovak police at his home and released late this afternoon.

There was no official announcement of his arrest, or of his status after his release.

Mr. Wildash, a former captain in the Guards, handled applications of persons in Czechoslovakia for visas to enter British occupation areas in Germany.

American and French military permit officers are also stationed here. Associated Press.

## RUSSIANS POSING AS BENEFACTORS

Berlin, March 23.

The Russians are posing as benefactors of Western Berlin in the currency war.

They invited Western Berliners to visit the Soviet part of the town to spend their East Marks, newly outlawed in the U.S., British and French sectors. Some Western Berliners did.

Communist editors played up the offer with such headlines as "No Soviet Counter-Measures at Expense of the Population" and "Berlin Population Gets Help." This is the population the Russians have been blockading for nearly a year.

U.S. financial experts said that Sunday that the West Mark would be the only legal currency for their sectors, the East Mark was quoted at four for one. Associated Press.

## NO CHANGE IN JAPAN CONTROL IS PLANNED

Washington, March 23.

High official quarters insist there is no plan here to transfer the Japan occupation to civilian control in the immediate future.

A Government official, well informed on Japanese affairs, commented: "The best that can be said about it is that the project has received only general discussion in the Army and State Departments."

While concerned officials say the subject is a live one, they emphasize that statements by Kenneth C. Royall, Army Secretary, that he would like to place Japanese affairs in civilian hands as soon as practicable do not mean such action is imminent.

Officials of the Far Eastern Commission also profess to believe that the military administration of Japan will be continued indefinitely.

"Setting up civilian control there has not been discussed by the Commission," a spokesman of the 11-nation Japan control group said.

"In any such fundamental change in handling Japanese affairs, the Commission should be consulted," he said.

The rules under which the Commission functions say that U.S. may make unilateral decisions regarding Japan on urgent matters, but that changes in the regime of control will be issued only following consultation and following attainment of agreement in the Far Eastern Commission.

Commission members point to this regulation as requiring that any change in authority in Japan must receive Commission approval before it can be effective.

### Ambiguous

These circles also say the Commission charter (terms of reference) specifies that Commission decisions will be sent to the Supreme Commander in Japan for execution. Should this official be replaced by other authority, it would necessitate changes in the Commission's rules of procedure. It is held by some Commission officials.

As recently as last month, President Truman said during a press conference that there are no changes being considered regarding the occupation of Japan. The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, said about the same

time that he saw no changes coming in American policy toward Japan.

However, despite these somewhat ambiguous denials, it is generally accepted here that the Army would like to relieve itself of the prime responsibility for Japan, but that the State Department is not enthusiastic about assuming it.

Concerning General Douglas MacArthur, his recent statement saying he intended to carry on in Japan until the peace treaty is signed (unless he is ordered elsewhere) is generally accepted here as notification that the Supreme Commander wishes to continue with his present authority until peace is formally proclaimed.

All circles here agree that General MacArthur is doing a good job in Japan. However, that is not considered to be the prime consideration in the question of whether to establish a civilian authority in Japan.

### Growing Feeling

Japan is moving more and more into the civilian activities of the post-war world. General MacArthur, the Army here and all others concerned, are speeding this progress as fast as possible.

The result is that there is a growing feeling on the part of some planners that all affairs in Japan, except purely military matters, would be better off now in civilian hands.

Without indicating such a change is imminent, these same people profess to believe that such a change in administration could be made with but little disturbing effect on the present trend of affairs in Japan.

They say a civilian would simply take over as regards all matters but the purely military and that affairs in Japan would continue in their present development.

### Vital Role

Whatever the position may be on setting up a high civilian authority in Tokyo, it seems very clear here that the current emphasis is upon making a full success of the new economic policy for Japan.

General MacArthur is playing a vital role in the new programme and it would be very surprising if any move was undertaken that would interrupt or terminate his efforts in that respect.

Officials here strongly uphold this view and thereby seem to conclude that no change in General MacArthur's supreme command is in the offing. Associated Press.

## CHANNEL ISLES DISPUTE

St. Helier, Jersey, March 22.

The Jersey States (Parliament) today acceded to a French Government request that the question of the ownership of the Minquiers and Acheron reefs, between Jersey and the French coast, should be referred to the United Nations.

The British Government had requested the States of Jersey to submit their observations in order to prevent long litigation. Reuter.

## MADRID BITTER

London, March 22.

Madrid Radio tonight broadcast the text of a letter written by Mr. Winston Churchill in October, 1944, in which the then Prime Minister declared that Britain was not disposed to consider any grouping of powers in Western Europe born in hostility to our Russian Allies, or based on the supposed need of a defence against them.

The letter, written by Mr. Churchill, was in reply to a communication from General Franco, who wrote: "As we do not believe in the good faith of Communist Russia, and moreover know the insidious power of the Bolsheviks, we are compelled to contemplate that the destruction and weakening of her neighbours will greatly enhance both her ambitions and her power and strength."

The Madrid Radio commentator remarked that at the moment when the Spanish idea is being turned into reality, invitations are sent out to the whole world except Spain. Reuter.

## BRITON FREED

Paris, March 22.

Michael Ealand Eaton, a British subject, charged before a Paris court with "having worthless cheques," was released on provisional liberty last night.

He was arrested in Paris on March 3. Reuter.

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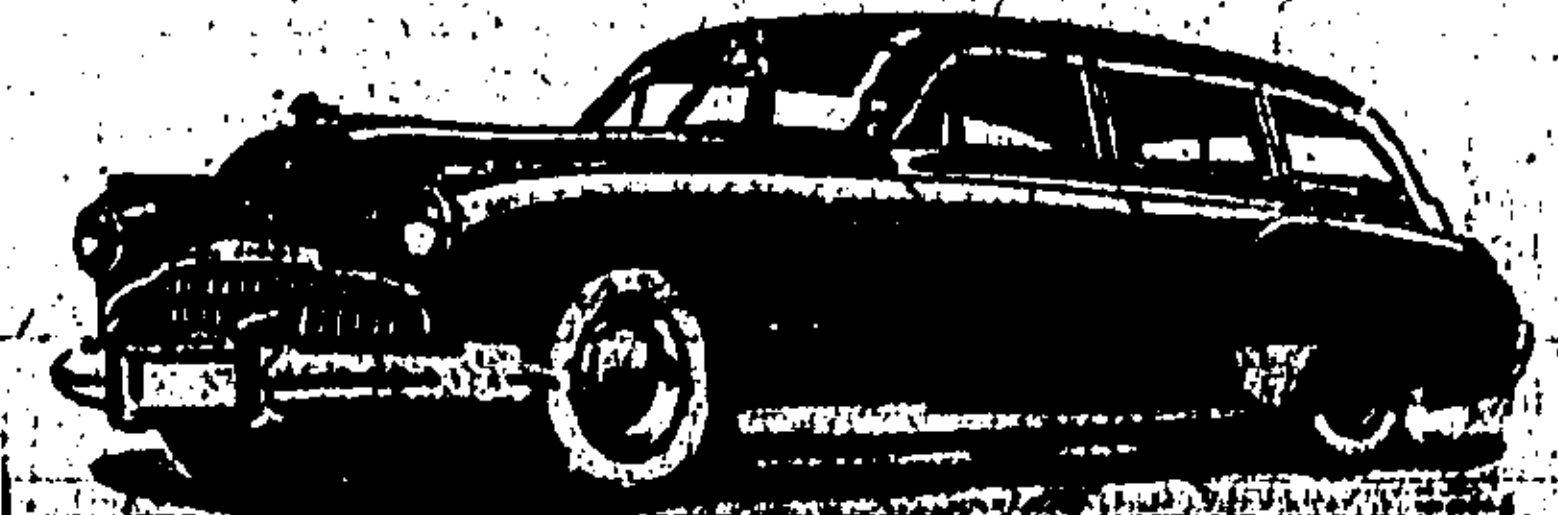
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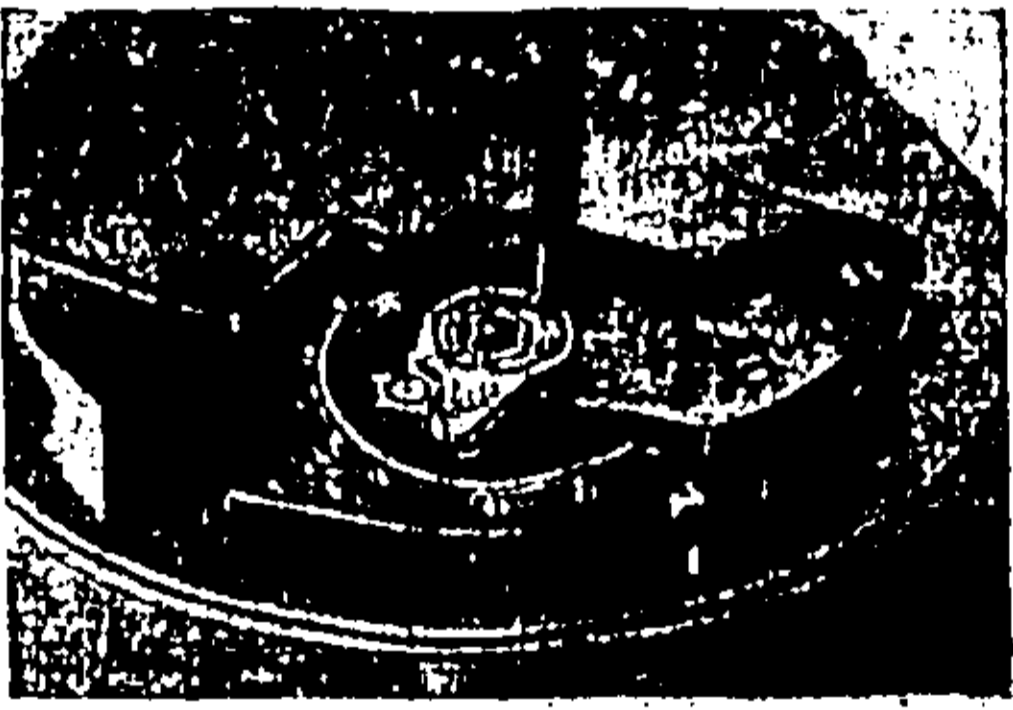
## A Wonderful Invention!

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For a year or so, horological circles have been repeatedly astir through innovations of certain watchmakers. Among these, the manufacturers of ERNEST BOREL chronometers did not fear breaking deliberately a sacrosanct tradition by resorting to utterly new ideas and methods, with a view to improve the adjustment of their watches. The controversies they have aroused, duly confirm that old and modern folks are ever at open feud: How difficult for anyone to be a prophet in his own country! They also stress the laudable vitality prevailing in the technique of watchmaking which seems to disclose an interesting and unexpected evolution towards improving the adjustment of watches serially manufactured.

As a matter of fact, in the last few years appeared watches without index-regulators. Some of them had been definitely better of all means for easily and quickly checking the daily rate, others we refer here to ERNEST BOREL Chronometers and Watches, were fitted with a special balance including movable or bendable masses permitting, when radially displaced, to secure slight discrepancies in the period of oscillation of the balance. The leading horologists in Switzerland and in France have closely studied the new device, on several occasions they published in the trade papers, the most interesting timing results obtained with such regulatorless watches. Thousands of Rating Certificates delivered by the Swiss Official Controlment

added Mr. Defossez, would have the advantage to allow of touching up the adjustment in two different ways: the adjuster would operate on the balance and the repeller on the hairspring. The "Incastar" was, lately devised by Mr. F. Marti of La Chaux-de-Fonds, the well-known inventor of the INCABLOC. This ingenious contrivance, which we have also often designated by the term "roller stud" is, indeed, a stud comprising two rollers which safely and jointly squeeze the



The INCASTAR device swings around the cock, which makes it easy to set the balance to beat-point without removing the cock.

terminal curve of the hairspring blade while permitting after the active length thereof. When turning, on the cock, an adjusting organ fitted on one of the roller-studs, the latter may be rotated, just like a rolling-mill, so as to "let loose" or "absorb" some hairspring blade. To secure the beat-point of balance, the whole device is made to swing around the end-piece.

However, as there is no rose without a thorn, that somewhat drastic solution of the problem, also betrays a dark side, as it impedes an easy adjustment of the daily rate. Indeed, we are bound to acknowledge it is already asking much of a repairer, or even of a skilled watchmaker abroad, to make him perform a thorough checking of adjustment, along with milling the balance-screws or adding washers, just for a mere alteration in the daily rate. Displacing the movable masses or projections around the balance-rim also means an operation rather delicate and complicated to execute by a watchmaker having no experience in the new system. Therefore, despite of the immediate advantages that manufacturers could find in the absence of curb-pins, it has been thought advisable to take into account the opinion of watch-repairers who, fearing difficulties later on, were not overwilling to urge the sale of watches devoid of regulators.

As Mr. L. Defossez, formerly Principal to the Horological School at Le Locle, explained in his article on "The balance without index and regulating," published in No. 3, 1948, of the "Journal Suisse d'Horlogerie," the ideal solution does not consist in eliminating the index-regulator, but lies in any organ "securing a loose grip of the hairspring while permitting the squeezing point to be displaced lengthwise." Mr. G. A. Barner, Principal to the Biennet Technical School is of the same opinion. The alternative solution

Thus, while retaining the advantages of the index-regulator (instantaneous checking of the daily rate) the INCASTAR eliminates defects in isochronism due to distance apart of the curb-pins. Besides, the risk of hairspring hooking is excluded altogether.

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Furthermore, to facilitate cleaning, the hairspring may be readily "unstudded" then refitted. However, as all ERNEST BOREL INCASTAR watches are also provided with INCABLOC, the repairer who would object to separating the hairspring from the cock will find it most convenient to clean the inner balance-pivot and the jewels by taking the INCABLOC to pieces.

Should a watch-dealer or repairer happen to be startled at a novelty likely to involve a complicated mechanism or unusual device, the INCASTAR, on the contrary, will reveal great simplicity, both in structure and handling. This invention embodies really so great an advantage that no such interesting development has been seen in the technique of horological engineering for the manufacture of serial watches.

## DAMPER ON HOPES OF AID TO CHINA

Washington, March 23.

Chairman Tom Connally hinted strongly today that the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee will recommend no new funds for China this year.

Instead, he told a news conference, the Committee probably will authorize the expenditure of a \$58,000,000 carry-over from the present Economic Co-operation Act expiring on April 3.

He said authorization for use of the fund through December 31, 1949, probably would be placed in the new ECA Act which the Senate will start debating soon.

The move to make the \$58,000,000 carry-over available to the Chinese is in line with a House bill introduced by Representative John Kee of West Virginia.

Mr. Connally was asked if the Senate Committee planned any action on a bill by Senator McCarran, Nevada Democrat, to provide China with \$1,500,000,000 in economic and military aid. Mr. Connally replied that the Committee had no plans to act on it.

The Committee heard in closed session from Major General David G. Barr, Chief of the Joint Military Advisory Group to China, on the entire Chinese situation. Mr. Connally declined to disclose any details of General Barr's report.

**No Defence**  
Another Committee member, asking not to be quoted by name, told reporters that General Barr said the Chinese

Communists can take over the whole of China at any time they wish.

He said General Barr also gave the Committee these opinions:

1. There is no line of defence South of the Yangtze River and the disorganized Nationalist Army is in no position to put up real opposition to the Reds.
2. The Communists probably will push supplies into China in the next two years while establishing a government. But after that will come "chaos."

### U.S. Prestige Low

3. The United States has "lost face" with the Chinese because of the collapse of the Nationalist Army and the flight of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

American prestige is at a low ebb in all China, people still are loyal to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek—but they have an overwhelming desire for peace. Their trust in the Nationalist Government was badly shaken by corrupt officials.—Associated Press.

## EMPIRE MEETING ON THE PACIFIC

London, March 22.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers are expected to meet in London on April 22 for a 10-day conference on urgent defence and constitutional problems.

The countries represented at the conference, which is still subject to final endorsement by the Dominions, will be India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, Ceylon and Britain.

The conference follows Britain's recent despatch of four Ministerial and official envoys to the Commonwealth countries to discuss with the Dominion leaders

matters arising out of the Prime Ministers' Conference in London last October.

Official London quarters have remained silent so far on the results of the talks between the British envoys and Dominion statesmen.

The agenda for the London conference, which is assumed to have been agreed to in these talks, is also being kept a close secret.

General speculation links the London meeting with defence and the threat to security caused by the recent upsurge of Communism in Far Eastern countries.

India, through Pandit Nehru, its Prime Minister, played a distinguished part in the London conference last October, and Parliamentary quarters believe she may again be cast for a key role.

It is generally assumed that in accordance with her declared intention India will shortly announce her national status as an independent democratic republic. Reuter.

### DANISH ROYALTY INDISPOSED

Copenhagen, March 22.

All the members of the Danish Royal Family were confined to their beds through illness today.

King Frederik had to postpone a State Council because of a sudden attack of lumbago. Slight influenza kept Queen Ingrid and the three Princesses in bed.—Reuter.

## TALKS ON TARIFFS REDUCTION

Geneva, March 23.

The most extensive tariff negotiations in the history of world trade are scheduled to open in the nearby French town of Annecy on April 11.

Delegations from 36 countries in all parts of the world are to meet at Annecy to negotiate in detail tariff concessions with each other. The talks among the 400 delegates are expected to continue for at least three months, and may result in more than 300 separate tariff agreements between the participating countries.

The 36 negotiating countries comprise two groups, one of 23 countries which have already concluded tariff agreements with each other and another of 13 countries which are newcomers.

The original group of 23 met at Geneva in 1947 and drew up tariff agreements, among themselves covering two-thirds of the world's trade. In addition to 123 individual bilateral agreements, the participating countries also signed an overall tariff and trade agreement on a multilateral basis. This agreement, known as the "General agreement on tariffs and trade," became a forerunner of the world trade charter which was subsequently signed by 53 nations at Havana.

The Havana charter seems unlikely to come into force for some time, and the Geneva agreement remains the only legal instrument at the moment establishing the so-called "most favoured nation" principle in tariffs. Under this principle, all the contracting states undertake to apply the same tariffs to all other members of the group as they applied to their "most favoured nation." If the United Kingdom, for example, granted a tariff concession to Belgium, all the other negotiating countries were automatically accorded the same concession.

During the three months' negotiations, the 13 newcomers will draw up tariff agreements with each of the original contracting states and with each of the other newcomers.—Associated Press.

## Britain Losing Her Patience

London, March 22.

Britain today warned that she is losing patience with Russia's tactics in the Four Power talks on the Austrian treaty.

The British delegate, James Majoribanks, said: "We have been exceedingly patient but confess that the sands of patience are running out."

Other Western sources also accused Russia of filibustering in the treaty talks which today completed the sixth week.

George Zarubin of Russia is using every possible tactic to avoid decisions but at the same time to prolong discussions.

After the meeting broke up without making progress, the

Western delegates learned that Zarubin had been appointed the Russian delegate to the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York.

Zarubin did not inform other delegates that he will have to leave within a few days and it is believed that the West will ask an explanation as soon as possible. He could leave a deputy to continue but this would cause disruption in negotiations.

The West has been puzzled by Zarubin's obvious efforts to keep the talks going but at the same time not yielding an inch in disputes that had caused previous talks to fail.—United Press.

## GESTAPO CHARGE ABSURD

London, March 22.

A Trade Union Congress spokesman today decried Moscow Radio allegations that the British Trade Union Movement has its own secret police to check Communist infiltration.

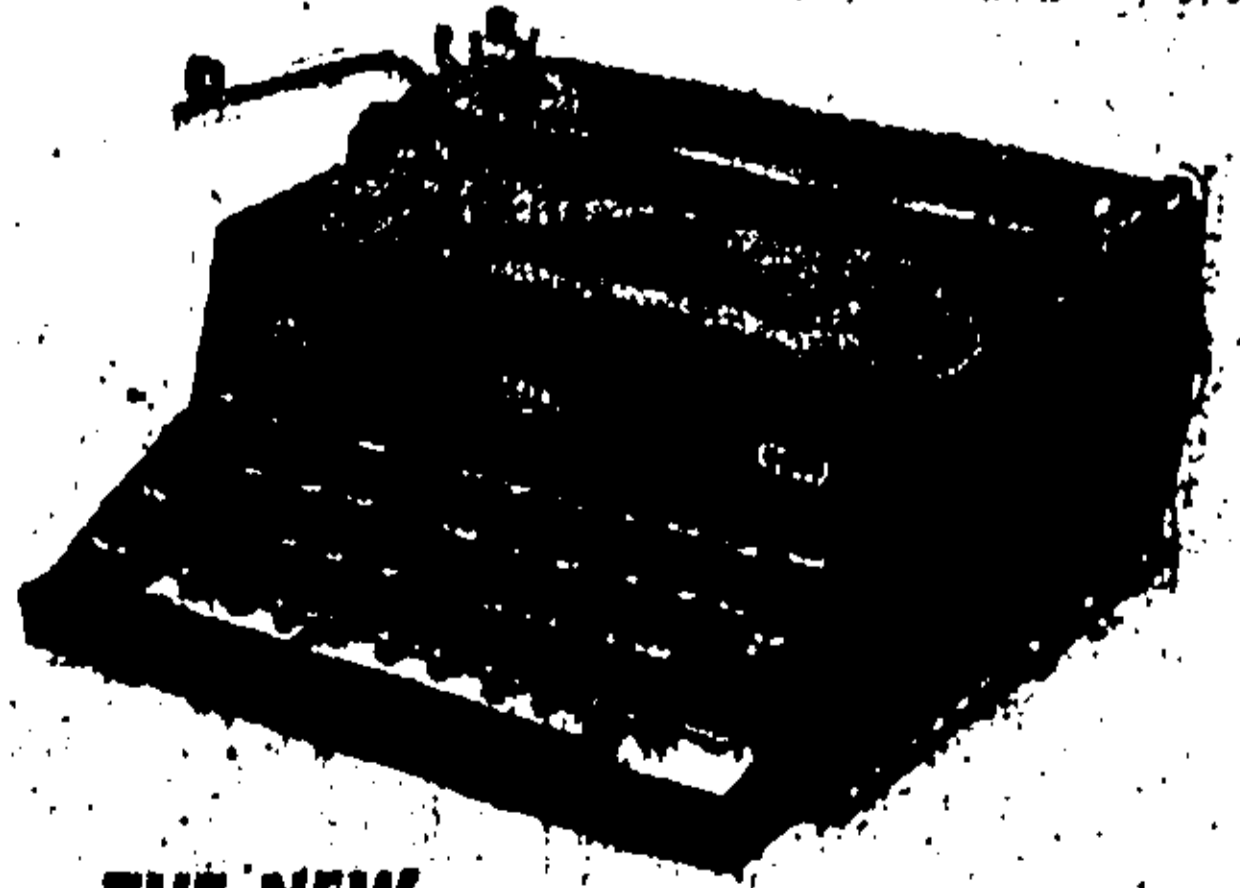
"There is no Gestapo at Transport House (the TUC Headquarters) and the suggestion is absurd," he declared.

The Moscow broadcast followed last week's statement from TUC Headquarters on Communist infiltration into local trade union councils. The spokesman added today that the TUC Councils are not responsible for any such charges, but are only responsible for the circulation of TUC reports.

He said that there is evidence that certain of the Councils have been infiltrated by Communists. He said that the TUC Councils are not responsible for any such charges, but are only responsible for the circulation of TUC reports.

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## Red Army's Changes in Germany

Berlin, March 22.

Tens of thousands of Soviet troops newly-arrived from Russia are expected to take part in Eastern Zone manoeuvres which began today, according to German sources in close touch with the Soviet zonal authorities.

The new troops are mainly 19 and 20-year-old conscripts serving out their period of national service in Germany after preliminary training in Russia, the reports said.

After the manoeuvres, due to last about a month, these troops are expected to take over occupation duties from older men, many of them war veterans, who are gradually being demobilized.—Reuter.

## Committee Formed To Help China

Washington, March 23.

A group of private citizens interested in aiding Nationalist China has announced the formation of the "China Emergency Committee."

The chairman is Frederick C. McKee, a Pittsburgh business man. Other members include the executive director, E. Trowbridge von Baur, a Washington attorney; treasurer, M. Curtis, Atlantic City attorney; Reverend I.C. Wise, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Blackwood, New Jersey; Reverend Brown Harris, pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church of Washington.

The official announcement said: "It is not too late to give China effective help. She needs three things: moral support, economic aid on some reasonable basis and military aid."

Mr. McKee has long been interested in China. In 1937-38 he was publicly active in opposing shipments of American scrap metal to Japan.

"Of vital importance to us is the steadily deteriorating situation in China, already gone unheeded for far too long a period."

"While we are taking strong counter-measures against Communist aggression in Greece, Turkey and Europe, our lack of affirmative action in the Orient has had the effect of actually encouraging Communism in China."

It called on the United States to issue a clear statement promising aid to China. It advocated loans, secured by Customs duties or exports, and recalled "China has never defaulted on a penny of her obligations to us and, indeed, has repaid to us millions she has borrowed." It added "A military mission can be sent to China similar to the military mission now in Greece, where the situation is substantially the same."—United Press.

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A correspondent says he was slapped violently on the back by a complete stranger, who immediately apologised and said it was a case of mistaken identity.

All cows may soon munch microbes.

If Miner has his way. The millions this will save us. Cannot be claimed as hay...

The daughter of a wealthy local resident was asked at school to write an essay about a poor family. She started off: "Once upon a time there was a poor family. The father was poor. The mother was poor. The children were poor. The cows were poor. The chauffeur was poor. Everybody was poor."

Advice to correspondent: Don't worry if your hair falls out. Suppose it ached and had to be pulled out, like teeth.

Kwangtung was the cradle of the Kuomintang, and it's an old tradition in China to go home to die.

"Japan open to tourists." See the tiger in his cage...

An American farmer has made a model of New York out of a huge cheese. He denies that mice helped him with the sawdust.

"Oh, mother, I could never marry him. He's got red hair." "I know, my child, but haven't you noticed it's beginning to fall out?"

A stage magician fell in love with his assistant. He loved her from the first moment he saw her.

molestation by enemy vessels of the approaches to the new line of naval and air bases which the United States is establishing in British islands in the Western Hemisphere? The strength of the United States Naval Forces is such that the assistance in the Atlantic that they could afford us, as described above, would not jeopardise the control of the Pacific.

We should also then need the good offices of the United States and the whole influence of its Government, continually exerted, to procure for Great Britain the necessary facilities upon the Southern and Western shores of Europe for our flotillas, and still more important, for our aircraft, working to the Westward into the Atlantic.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

to Saigon and other naval and air bases, thus bringing them within a comparatively short distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies. It is reported that the Japanese are preparing five good divisions for possible use as an overseas expeditionary force. We have today no forces in the East capable of dealing with this situation should it develop.

## Common Cause

In the face of these dangers we must try to use the year 1941 to build up today's supply of weapons, particularly of aircraft, both by increased output at home in spite of bombardment, and through ocean-borne supplies, as will lay the foundations of victory. In view of the difficulty and magnitude of this task, as outlined by all the facts I have set forth, to which many others could be added, I feel entitled, nay bound, to lay before you the various ways in which the United States could give supreme and decisive help to what is, in certain aspects, the common cause.

The prime need is to check or limit the loss of tonnage on the Atlantic approaches to our island. This may be achieved both by increasing the naval forces which cope with the attacks, and by adding to the number of merchant ships on which we depend. For the first purpose there would seem to be the following alternatives:

- (1) The reassertion by the United States of the doctrine of the freedom of the seas from illegal and barbarous methods of warfare, in accordance with the decisions reached after the late Great War, and as freely accepted and defined by Germany in 1935. From this, United States ships should be free to trade with countries against which there is not an effective legal blockade.
- (2) It would, I suggest, follow that protection should be given to this lawful trading by United States forces, i.e., escorting battleships, cruisers, destroyers and air flotillas. The protection would be immensely more effective if you were able to obtain bases in Europe for the duration of the war. I think it is improbable that such protection would provoke a declaration of war by Germany upon the United States, though probably sea incidents of a dangerous character would from time to time occur. Herr Hitler has shown himself inclined to avoid the Kaiser's mistake. He does not wish to be drawn into war with the United States until he has gravely undermined the power of Great Britain. His maxim is "One at a time."

## The Control

The policy I have ventured to outline of something like it would constitute a decisive act of constructive non-belligerency by the United States, and more than any other measure, would make it certain that British resistance could be effectively prolonged for the desired period and victory gained.

(3) Failing the above, the gift, loan, or supply of a large number of American vessels of war, above all destroyers, already in the Atlantic is indispensable to the maintenance of the Atlantic route. Further, could not the United States Naval Forces extend their sea control of the American side of the Atlantic, so as to prevent the

involuble. For these purposes we are forming as fast as possible, as you are already aware, between 60 and 60 divisions. Even if the United States were our ally, instead of our friend and indispensable partner, we should not ask for a large American expeditionary force, shipping, not men, is the limiting factor, and the power to transport munitions and supplies claims priority over the movement by sea of large numbers of soldiers.

## We Need

The danger of Great Britain being destroyed by a swift, overwhelming blow has for the time being very greatly receded. The decision for 1941 lies upon the seas. Unless we can establish our ability to carry on till the end of the year, unless we can move our armies to the various theatres where Hitler and his confederate Mussolini must be met, and maintain them there, and do all this with the assurance of being able to carry on till the end of the year, unless we can break the will of the Continental Dictators, we may fall by the way, and the time needed by the United States to complete her defensive preparations may not be forthcoming. It is therefore in shipping and in the power to transport across the oceans, particularly the Atlantic Ocean, that in 1941 the crunch of the whole war will be found.

Our shipping losses, the figures for which in recent months are appended, have been on a scale almost comparable to that of the worst year of the last war. In the five weeks ending November 3 losses reached a total of 420,300 tons. Our estimate of annual tonnage which ought to be imported in order to maintain our effort at full strength is 43m. tons; the tonnage entering in September was only at the rate of 37m. tons, and in October of 38m. tons. Were this diminution to continue at this rate it would be fatal, unless increased immensely greater replenishment than anything at present in sight could be achieved in time. Although we are doing all we can to meet this situation by new methods, the difficulty of limiting losses is obviously much greater than in the last war. We lack the assistance of the French Navy, the Italian Navy and the Japanese Navy, and above all of the United States Navy, which was of such vital help to us during the cumulating years.

## An Excuse

The enemy commands the ports all around the Northern and Western coasts of France. He is increasingly basing his submarines, flying-boats and combat planes on these ports and on the islands off the French coast. We are denied the use of the ports or territory of Europe in which to organise our coastal patrols by air and sea. In fact we have now only one effective route of entry to the British Isles, namely, the Northern Approaches, against which the enemy is increasingly concentrating, reaching ever further out by U-boat action and long-distance aircraft bombing. In addition, there have for some months been merchant-ship raiders, both in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. And now we have the powerful warship-rider to contend with as well. We need ships both to hunt down and to escort. Large as are our resources and preparations, we do not possess enough.

There is a second field of danger: the Vichy Government may, either by joining Hitler's New Order in Europe or through some manoeuvre, such as forcing us to attack an expedition despatched by sea against the French Colonies, find an excuse for ranging with the Axis Powers the very considerable undamaged naval forces still under its control. If the French Navy were to join the Axis, the control of West Africa would pass immediately into their hands, with the grave consequences to our communications between the Northern and Southern Atlantic, and also affecting Dakar and of course thereafter South America. A third sphere of danger is in the Far East. Here it seems clear enough that Japan is the problem of an overseas invasion

American nation. Very friendly signals were made to us from Washington direct and also through Canada, encouraging our boldness and indicating that somehow or other a way would be found. In Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, the cause of the Allies had a tireless champion. The taking over of the French contracts in June had almost doubled our rate of spending across the Exchange. Besides this we placed new orders for aeroplanes, tanks and merchant ships in every direction, and promoted the building of great new factories both in the United States and Canada.

Up till November, 1940, we had paid for everything we had received. We had already sold \$335,000,000 worth of American shares requisitioned for sterling from private owners in Britain. We had raised over \$4,500,000,000 in cash. We had only \$2,000,000,000 left, the greater part in investments, many of which were not readily marketable. It was plain that we could not go on any longer this way. Even if we were to diversify ourselves, all our gold and foreign assets we could not pay for half we had ordered, and the extension of the war made it necessary for us to have ten times as much. We must keep something in hand to carry on our daily affairs.

## Personal Letter

Lothian was confident that the President and his advisers were earnestly seeking the best way to help us. Now that the election was over, the moment to act had come. I asked the President to send me a message, and he did so. The President was proceeding in Washington between his representatives, Sir Frederick Phillips, and Mr. Morgenthau. The Ambassador urged me to write a full statement of our position to the President. Accordingly that Sunday at Ditchley I drew up, in consultation with him, a personal letter.

On November 16, I telegraphed to Roosevelt, "I am writing you a very long letter on the outlook for 1941 which, Lord, Lothian will give you in a few days." As the despatch had to be checked and rechecked by the Chiefs of Staff and the Treasury, and approved by the War Cabinet, it was not completed before Lothian's return to Washington. On November 26 I sent him a message, "I am still struggling with my letter to the President, but hope to cable it to you in a few days." In its final form the letter was dated December 8 and was immediately sent to the President. As it gives a view of the whole situation agreed to by all concerned in London, and as it played a recognizable part in our fortunes, it deserves to be included in this book.

Today's instalment contains extracts from the letter (in its original form nearly 4,000 words long) which Mr. Churchill sent President Roosevelt in December, 1940. As the author emphasised in the last article, this letter covers much more than the dollar problem which prompted it, and indeed deals with the whole war situation as Mr. Churchill saw it at the time.

My dear Mr. President, As we reach the end of this year, I feel you will expect me to lay before you the prospects for 1941. I do so with candour and confidence, because it seems to me that the vast majority of American citizens have recorded their conviction that the safety of the United States as well as the future of our two Democracies and the kind of civilization for which they stand, are bound up with the survival and independence of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The form which this war has taken, and seems likely to hold, does not enable us to make the immense armies of Germany, in any theatre where their main power can be brought to bear. We can, however, by the use of sea power and air power, meet the German armies in regions where they are comparatively small forces can be brought into action. We must do our best to prevent the German domination of Europe spreading into Africa and into Southern Asia. We have also to maintain in constant readiness in this island armies strong enough to make the problem of an overseas invasion

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## A Way

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Before the war the United States was governed by the Neutrality Act, which obliged the President on September 3, 1939, to place an embargo on all shipments of arms of any kind to the belligerent nations. Ten days later he had called Congress to a special session to consider the removal of this ban, which, under the appearance of impartiality, virtually deprived Great Britain and France of all the advantages of the command of the seas in the transport of munitions and supplies. It was not until the end of November, 1939, after many weeks of discussion and agitation, that the Neutrality Act was repealed, and the new principle of "Cash and Carry" substituted.

This still preserved the appearance of strict neutrality for Americans were as free to do their part of the United States sell weapons to Germany as to the Allies. In fact, however, our sea power prevented any German traffic, while Britain and France could "carry" freely as long as they had "cash." Three days after the passage of the new law our Purchasing Commission, headed by Mr. Arthur Purvis, a man of outstanding ability, began its work.

## New Gold

Britain entered the war with about \$4,500,000,000 in dollars, or in gold and in United States investments that could be turned into dollars. The only way in which these resources could be increased was by new gold production in the British Empire, mainly in course of the South Africa, and by vigorous efforts to export goods, principally luxury goods such as whisky, fine woollens and pottery, to the United States. By these means an additional \$2,000,000,000 were procured during the first 16 months of the war.

During the period of "The Twilght War" we were torn between a vehement desire to order munitions in America and gnawing fear as our dollar resources dwindled. Always in Mr. Chamberlain's day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, would tell us of the lamentable state of our dollar resources and emphasise the need for conserving them. It was more or less accepted that we should have to reckon with a rigorous limitation of purchases from the United States. We acted as Mr. Purvis said to Stalin, "If we were on a desert island on short rations which we must stretch as far as we could."

This had meant elaborate arrangements for eking out our money. In peace we imported freely and made payments as we liked. When war came we had to create a machine which mobilised gold and dollars and other private assets, which stopped the ill-disposed from remitting their funds to countries where they felt things were safe, and which cut out wasteful imports and other expenditures.

## Their Fate

On top of making sure that we did not waste our money, we had to see that others went on taking it. The country of the Sterling Area were with us; they adopted the same kind of exchange control policy as we did and were willing takers and holders of sterling. With others we made special arrangements by which we paid them in sterling, which could be used anywhere in the Sterling Area, and they undertook to hold any sterling for which they had no immediate use and to keep dealings at the official rates of exchange. Such arrangements were originally made with the Argentine and Sweden, but were extended to a number of other countries on the Continent and in South America.

These arrangements were completed after the spring of 1940, and it was a matter of satisfaction—and a tribute to sterling—that we were able to achieve a measure of such difficulty. In this way we were able to go on dealing with most parts of the world in sterling, and to conserve most of our precious gold and dollars for our purchases in the United States.

When the war exploded into hideous reality in May, 1940, we were conscious that a new era had dawned in Anglo-American relations. From the time I formed the new Government and "Sir Kingsley Wood became Chancellor of the Exchequer we followed a simpler plan, namely to order everything that was possibly could and leave future financial problems on the lap of the Eternal Gods. Fighting for life and presently alone under ceaseless bombardment, with invasion glaring upon us, it would have been false economy and misdirected prudence to worry too much about what would happen when our dollars ran out. We were conscious of the tremendous changes taking place in American opinion, and of the growing belief, not only in Washington but throughout the United States, that their fate was bound up with ours.

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## INTERNAL DISORDERS

At a time when the Far East is plagued by civil disturbance and Hong Kong is preparing a defence organisation to cope with trouble potentially as serious as that in Malaya, comes news from London of rioting there. Back to their pre-war tricks, adherents of opposing dictatorships, Communism and Fascism, have broken up each other's meeting, injuring spectators and policemen.

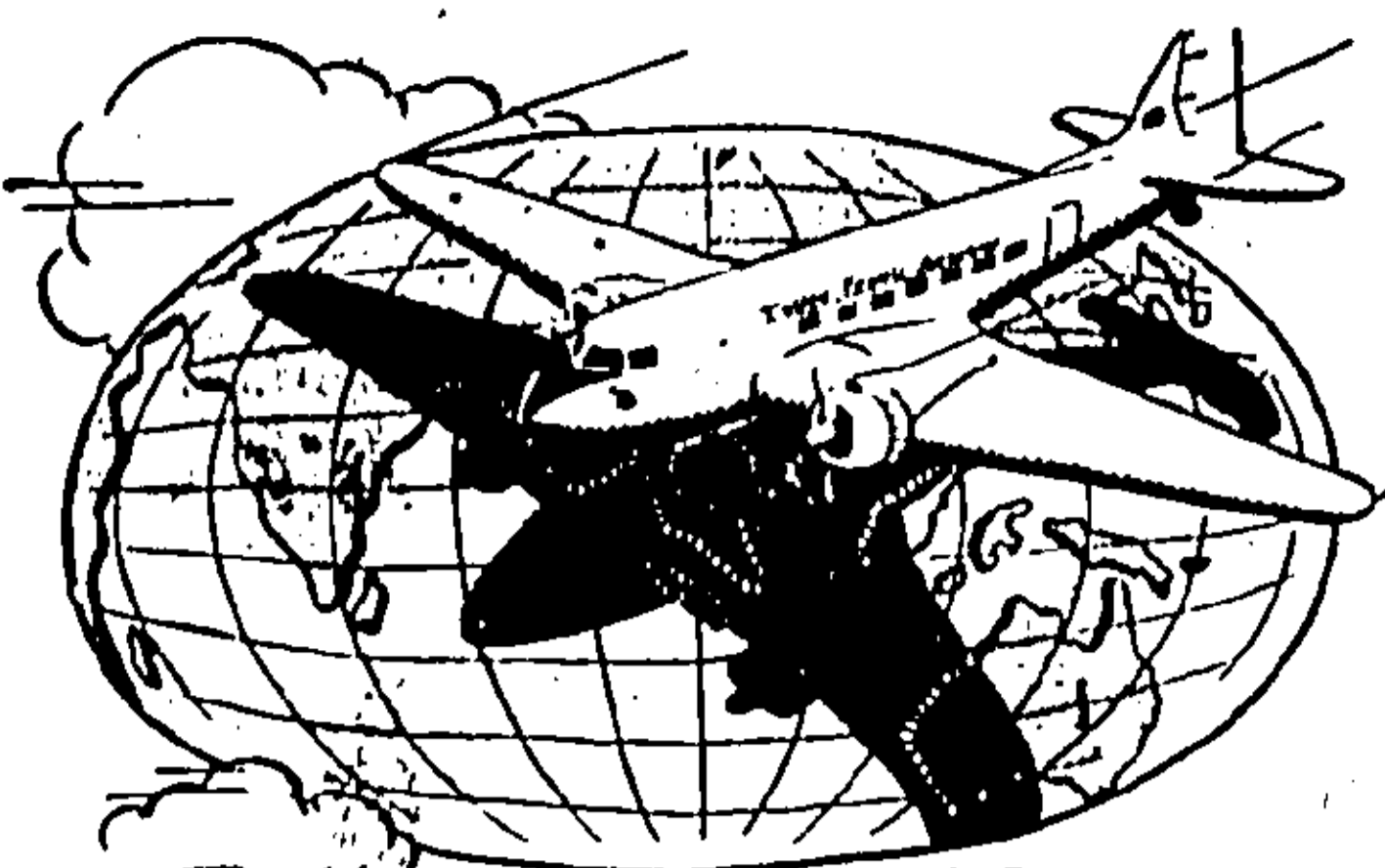
The Home Secretary has finally acted by banning all political processions in the London area, a step he announced with regret, adding, "It is intolerable that the streets of the metropolis should be made a battleground for opposing factions."

In a land which prides itself on freedom of speech and association, this is indeed a regrettable step, but the times are out of joint, and many more restrictions of freedom may have to be imposed as time goes on. It is to be hoped, however, that the most extreme care is taken to see that the public is not enmeshed further in the tangle of prohibitive red tape. During the war, many liberties were voluntarily given up in Britain because of the emergency, but these were not returned when the fighting was over. Governments do not easily abandon power, and can always find a seemingly valid reason for its retention. Provided due safeguards are taken, it is nevertheless necessary to defend the people's welfare against the totalitarian fanatics who will progressively intensify their activities.

The position in Hong Kong is vastly different from that at Home. There the agitators have largely to work in the open—apart of course from the unseen burrowing into trade unions and other organisations. Here the spread of insurrection is almost wholly underground. Disaffection is stirred up by whispering campaigns, by personal contact with workmen, by obliquely guiding labour leaders towards a certain objective. A strike, for instance, may be Communist-motivated, but you will not find Communists at the head. They are temporarily content to be behind the throne.

Many of Reds in Hong Kong are known to the authorities, but understandably many others are not, and it would be easy for unknown, trained agitators from the North to enter the Colony every day, if the occasion arose. So, however skilled they may be, and remarkable though their knowledge of the underworld is, our police and defence chiefs are to some extent working in the dark, against an unseen enemy.

If insurrection does come, it will probably arrive fully fledged, and the ingenuity and adaptability of the authorities will be strained to the limit. Enlistment for the Defence Force has been slow; as anticipated months ago in these columns, but there is every indication that the military and civil planners are building up a comprehensive, flexible, framework of defence, with highly-trained men in charge, who will be quick and effectively assimilated.



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# U.S. REFUSES ENTRY VISAS TO BRITONS

Actress, Novelist And Prominent Professors  
**LOUIS GOLDING BANNED**

London, March 22.

The British film actress, Miss Patricia Burke, told a press conference here today that, with two British scientists and an author, she has been refused entry to the United States to attend the Cultural and Scientific Congress for World Peace in New York.

Miss Burke said the United States had refused to give her reasons for cancelling the visa she had obtained last week. "I think the reason is that I made a speech at the International Women's Day celebrations. It was the only public speech I have ever made."

Also banned with Miss Burke from the United States are the novelist, Louis Golding, author of the best seller "Magnolia Street," Professor J. D. Bernal, Cambridge University calligrapher, and Dr. J. G. Crowther, scientist and writer.

The banned delegates told their individual stories at the press conference.

Miss Burke, who was born in Italy and educated in England, Australia and the United States, said that she had been very honoured to be invited to go to the Congress but had been intending to go to the United States anyway to see a new Broadway show in which she may appear.

She had protested at the American Embassy yesterday when her visa was cancelled but had been told that the reason was "confidential."

Miss Burke said she had greetings to the Peace Conference from Dame Sylvia Thorne and Dame Edith Evans—both famous British actresses who had been invited but were unable to attend.

When she asked Embassy whether she would be allowed to go to the United States soon on private business, they had told her: "Come back in about a month."

## Political Views

Professor Bernal said: "We were all invited individually by the Committee of the Congress. I was summoned to the Consulate, where I was asked about my political views. I informed them that they were well-known and could be found in my books. The whole affair of cancelling my visa took half a minute."

Professor Bernal said he hoped the British Government would take some action on the grounds that it was interference with the freedom of movement.

Dr. Crowther said he went to the Embassy on March 9 with his official invitation, which was addressed to him as Chairman of the British Cultural Committee of Peace. He was given a visa for two years.

He was summoned to the Consulate yesterday and asked to give the passport back after being asked whether he had attended the Wrocław Congress in Russia. Dr. Crowther said he informed the official that he was in Poland. Asked for an explanation of the cancellation, the official said it was based on confidential information and no explanation was necessary.

"This is a very serious blow to the Americans and the British. It is peculiar that any American can come into Britain without any question but a Briton, who has been invited to America in the interests of peace, cannot enter the United States," Dr. Crowther added.

Mr. Louis Golding, the novelist, said he was in the habit of going to the United States, and had been there last in 1942. This new invitation coincided with a business trip to see his American publishers about his new novel "Honey for Ghosts," and a visit to friends and relatives.

When he applied for a visa he had been received very cordially, but when he was called back to the American Embassy the attitude was "grim, unfriendly and remote."

He was asked if he attended the Wrocław Conference last year. "I told them I was not a Red. I had never read Karl Marx. But I had gone to the conference in the interest of peace. The conference had been attended by people of the middle, right and left. I told them."

"The Catholic writer, Graham Greene and Compton Mackenzie, would have gone if they had had no other commitments at the time."

"Two hours after my visa was granted, it was cancelled," he said.

## Not Official

Asked if the group planned any action, Professor Bernal said it was not a case for isolated action, because French and Italian scientists and authors also involved.

The American Committee of the Congress for World Peace is the body which invited the U.S. State Department to clarify the situation.

The United States Embassy in London said at midday that Mr. Olaf Stapledon, who was also banned from the Congress, would after all be allowed to attend.

An Embassy spokesman said Mr. Stapledon will have his visa, but the other three will not. The spokesman could not clarify whether there had been a sudden change of policy, or whether reports earlier in the day that all four visas, including Mr. Stapledon's, had been withdrawn, were wrong.

In Washington, the State Department explained today that delegates from Russian and the Eastern European countries were being admitted to the "Peace Conference" in New York because they were official representatives.

Those from Britain, France, Italy and Latin America were not official Government delegates.

## Mann's Telegram

Dr. Thomas Mann, the German-born novelist and Nobel Prize winner, today sent a telegram from Los Angeles to the Chairman of the Committee sponsoring the conference, Dr. Harlow Shapley.

Dr. Mann said: "Should your fine and important undertaking actually be harmed by the assiduous enemies of peace I should feel most sorry not so much for you and us and our conference as for the nations and the peoples of the world."

Dr. Mann is among the 500 artists, scientists, educators and religious leaders listed as sponsors of the conference.

Dr. Shapley protested today against the denial of visas to 12 delegates, including four Britons. Twenty-two East European delegates, including Russians, have been granted permission to attend the conference, which opens next week-end.

A Washington spokesman said they would fully represent the Communist cause and any pro-Communist spokesman of other nations would merely "parrot" the Soviet views.

Dr. Shapley said he had telegraphed Mr. Dean Acheson, asking him to reconsider the ban, which was "inimical to our good relations with the great peoples of Western Europe and Latin America."

Sponsors of the Congress in New York said that, as a result of the latest refusals of visas, the only foreign delegates certain to arrive were those from Eastern Europe and one from West Africa—Mr. A. Armatte, of the Lomeshore Research Centre for Anthropology and Race Biology.

Usually well-informed quarters in Rome said today that the four members of the Italian delegation, who are: Signor Giulio Einaudi, book publisher and son of the Italian President, Signor Luigi Einaudi, Maria Michi, cinema actress, Massimo Girotti, actor, and Giuseppe de Santis, cinema director.

Dmitri Shostakovich, the Russian composer, and six other leading Soviet intellectuals, left Berlin tonight by an American Overseas Airline plane for New York to attend the Congress.

For an hour before they took off, the delegates sat in the glass-fronted hall of Tempelhof Aerodrome, while an increasing stream of four-engined American airlift Skyliners landed with coal and food.

All the delegates refused to make any statement to press correspondents.—Reuter.

## Pope Pius' Jubilee

Vatican City, March 22.

Pope Pius XII is celebrating the Jubilee on April 2 of his ordination as a Priest.

Vatican circles believe he may make a private visit and attend Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, where he celebrated his first Mass.

The occasion will be celebrated officially the next day, Passion Sunday, when all Catholic Priests have been authorised to say second Mass in reparation for the offences of the world against God.

His Holiness will himself celebrate two Masses in the great Basilica of St. Peter's with a choir of 6,000 from the various colleges.—Reuter.

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## CHINESE ROUNDED UP IN SIAM

Bangkok, March 23.

Two hundred Chinese have been rounded up and will be deported from Siam for engaging in subversive political activity.

Arrest of the Chinese began after an attempted coup against the Siamese Government in February. Police said some of those arrested possessed illegal radios for communication with Hong Kong and Singapore.

Six of those held, they said, were former members of the Chinese Communist or Government armies.

Some of them who entered Siam illegally will first serve jail sentences before deportation.—Associated Press.

## Irish Want To Remain British

London, March 22.

About 2,800 citizens of Eire have given notice to the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, that they wish to remain British subjects after Eire leaves the Commonwealth, the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Jowitt, told the House of Lords today.

He added that the claim to remain a British subject could be made at any future date in the lifetime of the Eirean citizen concerned.

"Until he does so, unless of course he is a British subject under one of the other provisions he is regarded in this country as a citizen of Eire and not an alien," Lord Jowitt said.

Legislation would be introduced soon to deal with the position of Eire citizens in Britain, he said. He added that he understood the Eire Government intends to bring the Republic of Ireland Act, which severs the link with the Crown, into operation on April 18.—Reuter.

## Israel Complains Against Britain

Lake Success, March 22.

Israel today officially complained to the Security Council that the presence of British troops at Akaba, Red Sea port in Southern Palestine, is a violation of the Council's May 29 resolution.

It might have an adverse effect on the current armistice negotiations between Israel and Transjordan, it said.

An Israeli delegation statement issued to the press said: "The Israel Mission to the United Nations today expressed to members of the Security Council and to the Secretary-General its concern at the adverse effect which the presence of British troops in Transjordan may have on the current armistice negotiations between Israel and Transjordan at Rhodes."

"It is reported that the British forces at Akaba intend to take over other sections of the Transjordan-Israel frontier. The arrival of British troops in Akaba was a violation of the May 29 resolution of the Security Council, which forbade the introduction of fighting personnel to any of the countries engaging in the Palestine conflict by any power."

The reinforcement of those forces last week was an aggravation of that original infringement. The statement went on to declare that the troops should be withdrawn. A British delegation spokesman said that the movement of British troops in Akaba was necessitated by previous apparently aggressive intentions of the Israeli forces.

He emphasized that in any case, British movements were in line with long-standing treaty agreements with Transjordan and had been duly reported to the United Nations.—Reuter.

## Atomic Monopoly A "Fated Delusion"

Washington, March 22.

Soviet Russia not only has the atomic bomb but may already be manufacturing atomic weapons, Dr. David Bradley, an atomic scientist, said in a speech here today.

Dr. Bradley is the author of a report on the Bikini atom bomb tests. He said the belief that the United States has a monopoly of atomic knowledge is one of the four fated delusions which leave Americans unready for a possible atomic war.

"These four delusions are our greatest danger—greater than any scientific formula we might give away," Dr. Bradley asserted in a broadcast sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors.

"These are the four delusions," Dr. Bradley said. "First, the myth of the 'secret'—the idea that we possess and can keep the secret of making the atomic bomb. Gentlemen, there is no secret. Russia, you may be sure, has the scientific secret of atomic bombs."

"Two, the question of industrial know-how. This is at best a very temporary advantage, since anyone who can make an atomic pile can make plutonium. An industrialised Russia, aided by captured German scientists, may already be manufacturing atomic weapons."

"Three, the delusion that atomic weapons are absolute weapons. They are not. They have clear limitations and obvious strategic and tactical use."

"Four, the last, equally absurd and equally dangerous delusion is the current effort to play down the bomb—that atomic weapons are really of no great account."

Dr. Bradley added that Mr. David Lilienthal, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, would be permitted to publish the Commission's analysis of the effects of the weapons. The official report on the Bikini bomb tests should also be made available, the doctor said.

"Panic and hysteria are the result of ignorance," he added. "Keeping our people in ignorance will be about as successful as building a Maginot Line of cemetaries in the middle of the ocean."—Reuter.

## ECONOMIC REFORMS FORECAST

Shanghai, March 23.

Another revision of China's financial and economic policy is likely shortly.

Before leaving for Nanking by train last night, the new Finance Minister, Mr. S. Y. Liu, was quoted by the Chinese press as saying that his predecessor, Mr. Hsu Kan's reform measures might need revising to cope with the present national situation.

He added that he would discuss the matter with the Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, and the Acting President, Li Tsung-jen, and later with financial leaders here and high officials in Canton.

Gold bars and United States dollars declined fairly sharply late yesterday afternoon as a result of dumping by the Central Bank.

Gold bars slumped to GY-517,000 per ounce and greenbacks to GY10,350. Commodity prices also fell somewhat, but the price of bread and rice rose to new heights with further big increases.

Raised for the fifth time this month, bread was sold for GY-950 per pound this morning, compared with GY700 yesterday, while rice hovered around GY-70,000 per picul of 170 pounds weight.—Reuter.

## Civil Aviation Talks Open

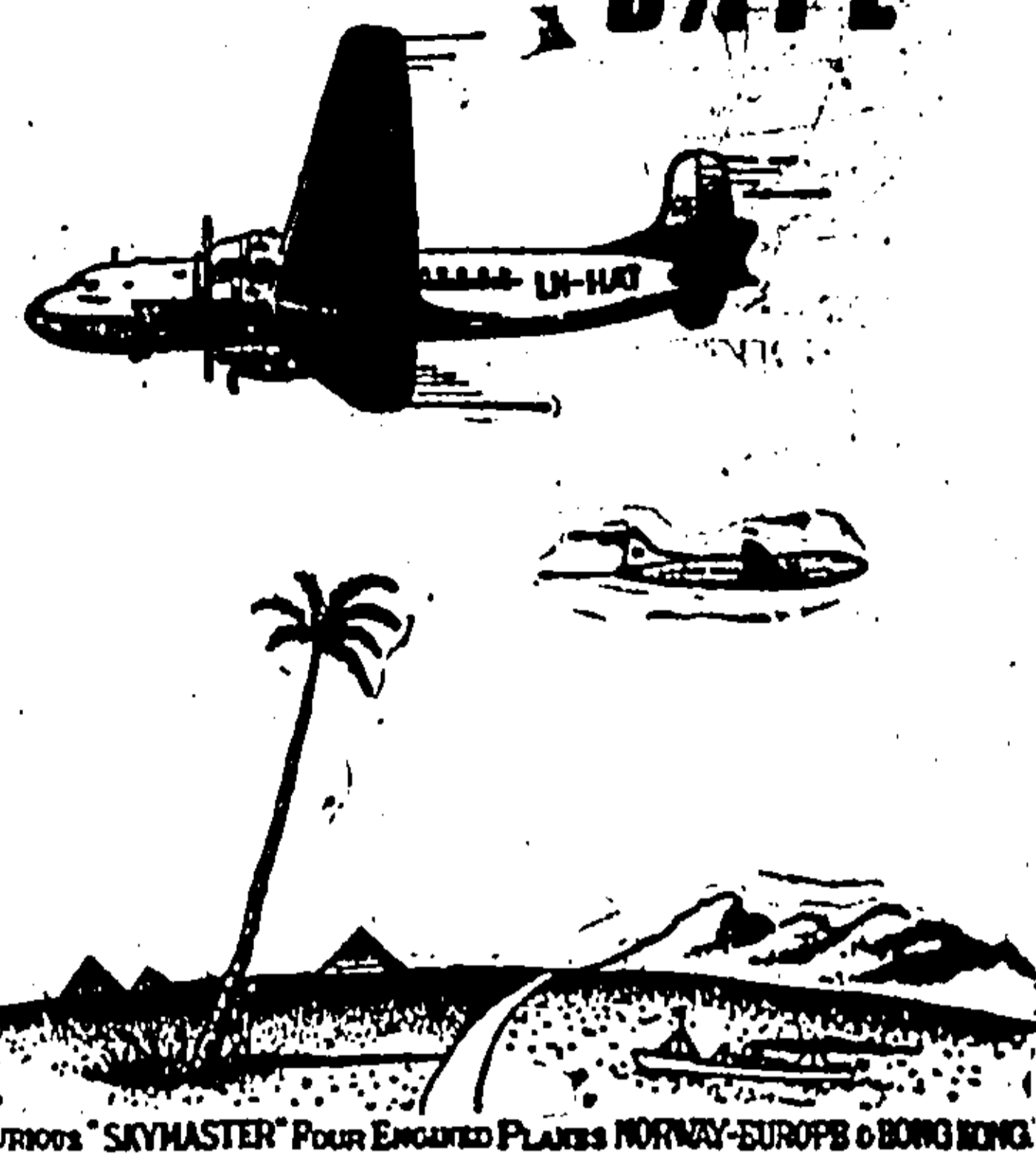
London, March 22.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation Conference to discuss the standardisation of practices and procedures in air navigation in the African and Indian Ocean region opened here today.

Delegates numbering 150 came from Argentina, Australia, the Belgian Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, the Sudan, South Africa, Britain and the United States.

India, Pakistan, Transjordan and The Lebanon were invited but did not attend.—Reuter.

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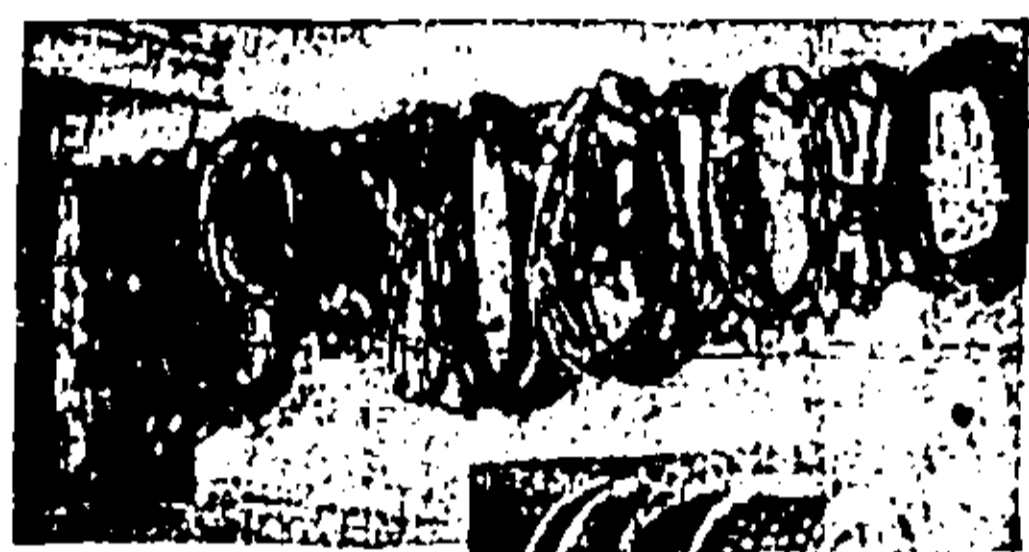
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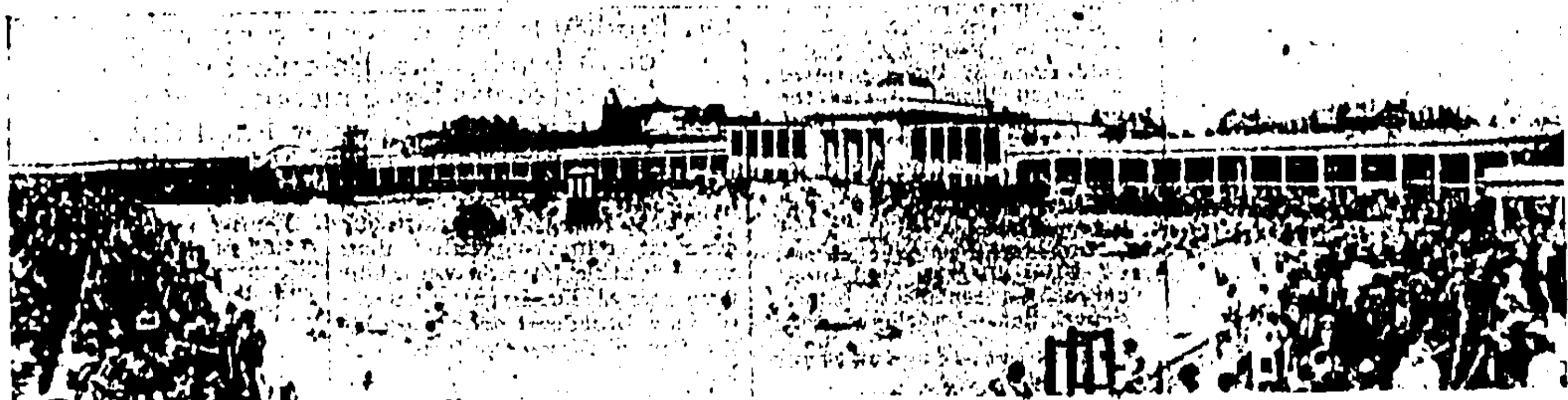
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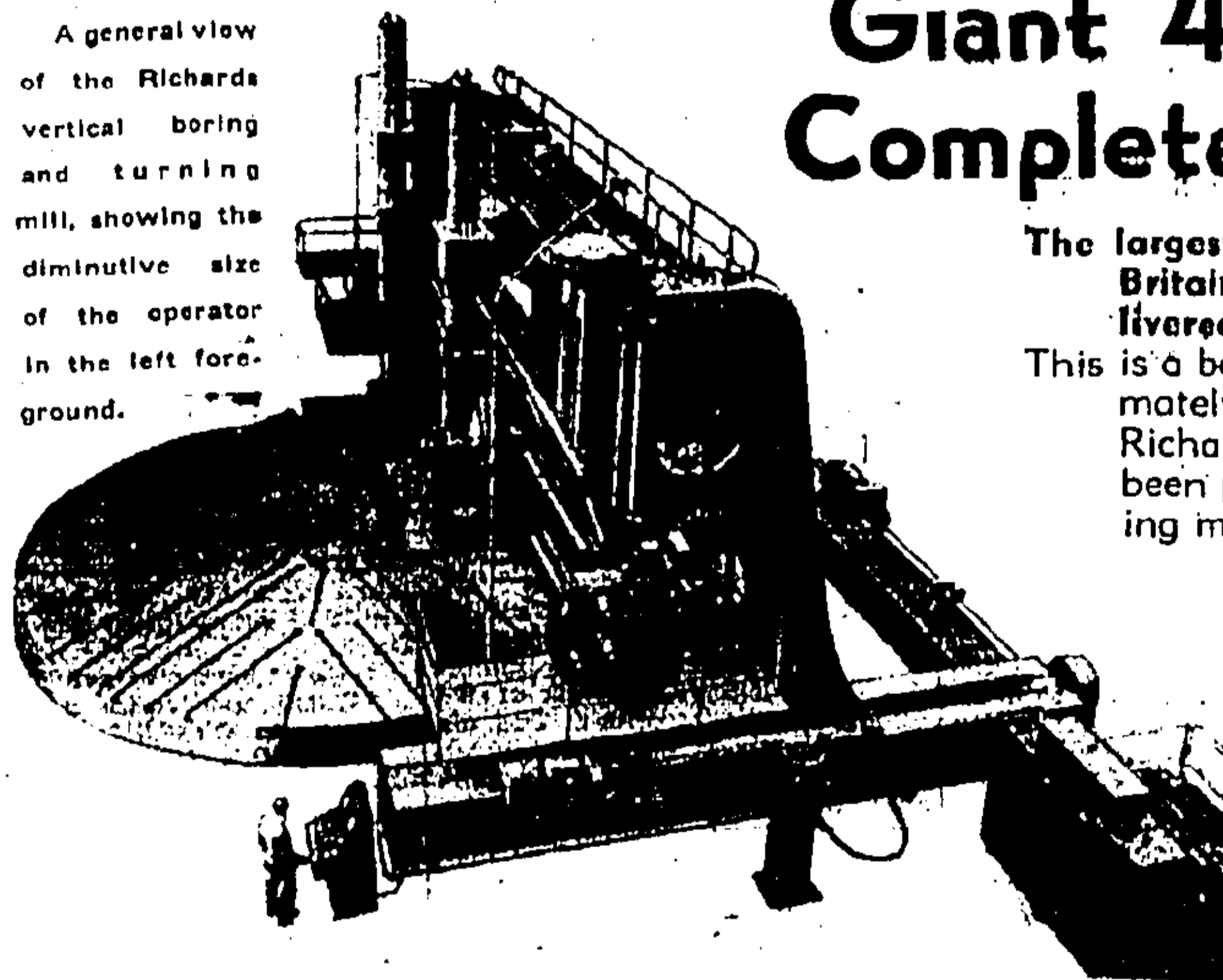


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A general view of the Richards vertical boring and turning mill, showing the diminutive size of the operator in the left foreground.



## Giant 475-Ton Borer Completed By UK Firm

The largest machine tool ever produced in Great Britain has recently been completed and delivered.

This is a boring and turning mill weighing approximately 475 tons, manufactured by George Richards & Co., Ltd., Manchester, who have been pre-eminent in the field of precision boring machine production for the past 70 years.

The accompanying illustration gives an idea of the massive proportions of the machine and a comparison of the size of the man standing at the controls in the lower left hand corner, clearly indicates this impressive feature. The machine is known as a 35/50-foot extension type vertical boring and turning mill. The term 'extension type' refers to the mounting of the main uprights, which are arranged to slide on horizontal beds, and by this means the table will accommodate work extending well beyond its periphery. The building of a machine having such massive proportions naturally raised many difficult technical problems calling for wide practical knowledge for their solution—problems, for instance, such as the

lifting, transport and machining of the main castings. Fortunately, Richards had built a fixed upright machine of 35 feet capacity and weighing 400 tons some years earlier, and the experience then gained proved of immense value in this new work.

Centralization of control and minimization of physical effort required of the operator, are important factors in any machine tool. In very large machines of this type they are vital to maximum output. Special attention was given to these considerations, as described later; also to the provision of ample safety measures both for the protection of the operator and the machine itself.

With the upright in the extreme forward position the machine will accommodate work up to a 35-foot diameter, and when the uprights are traversed back to their rear position a 50-foot diameter can be admitted. The table is 83 feet in diameter and a maximum height of 12 feet is admitted under the topholders. Each tonholder has a down feed of 8 feet.

### Tool Heads

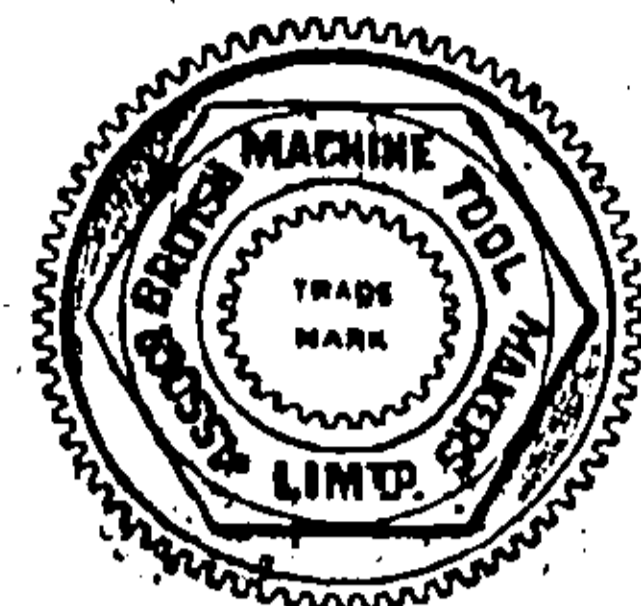
Two vertical heads are fitted, each counter-balanced and mounted on a saddle carried on the cross-slide. The tool bars can be swivelled to any angle up to 30 degrees on one side of the centre and 10 degrees on the other side. Each head has 12 rates of feed ranging from 0.001 to one inch a minute, these being capable of application in vertical, horizontal and angular directions. The heads are entirely independent of each other, so that when they are in use simultaneously, the feeds need not necessarily be the same on both heads.

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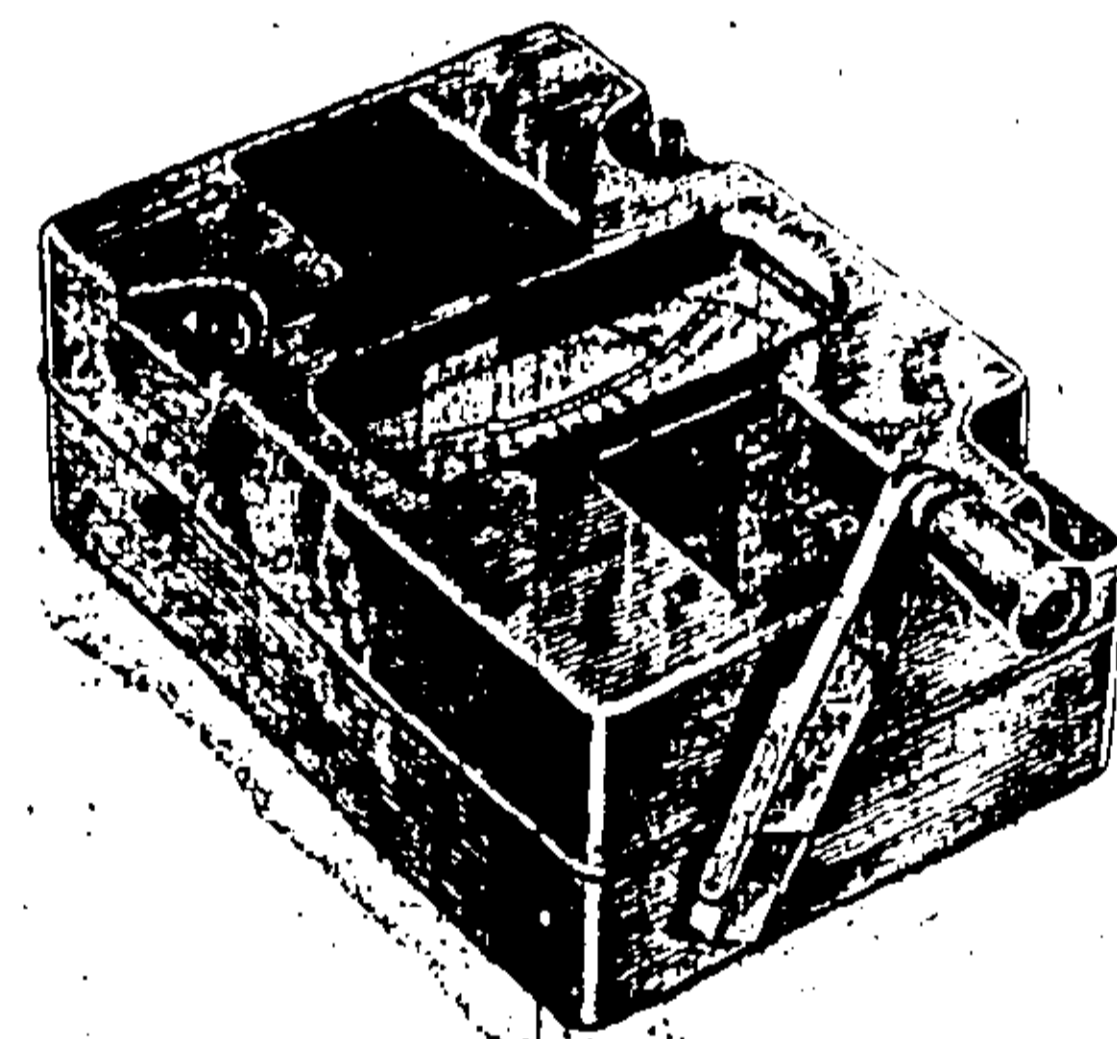
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## GERMANY WANTS TO JOIN PACT

Frankfurt, March 22. Germany will ask the Atlantic pact as a full-fledged member as soon as the provisional government is established, according to its probable president, Konrad Adenauer.

Herr Adenauer, President of the Bonn Constituent Assembly now drafting the constitution for such a government, did not say how Western Germany could participate temporarily as an economic and political ally of the Western powers, leaving military measures for the future.

Herr Adenauer said there is no reason to return Germany as long as it is being protected by the Western powers.

"In view of the accomplishment by the West toward European unity and co-operation which surely must include Western Germany, it is only logical that Germany be allowed to participate in the Atlantic pact in some way or another."

American sources said that one of the chief difficulties of including Germany in the pact as a separate state is that the provisional government would have to have control of its own foreign policy.

They said the Allied military governments are not likely to permit this until a peace treaty is signed.—United Press.

## REFERENDUM IDEA REJECTED

London, March 22. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, rejected a suggestion today that he should set up a Committee to investigate the possibility of embodying the device of the referendum in the Constitution.

Sir William Darling, Conservative, thought this should be done in view of the adoption of a referendum in Newfoundland on the issue of self-government.

Mr. Attlee replied: "It does not concern itself to me in the circumstances of this country."—Reuter.

## FOREIGN NEWSMEN'S QUERY TO REDS

Shanghai, March 23.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China has asked the Chinese Communists to clarify their February 27 order prohibiting filing of news from Peiping.

The Club a week ago telegraphed to Chou En-lai, No. 2 Communist leader, asking for an explanation of the ban. But no answer to the query has been received from the Reds.

In the message, the text of which was released today, the Foreign Correspondents' Club asked for clarification of these three points:

1. "We should like to know when correspondents will be permitted to resume their news gathering and news writing activities in Peiping and other parts of Communist China."

2. "We should like to know whether the ban in Peiping was imposed as a matter of general policy."

3. "Is it to be regarded as a precedent for other areas and cities in China which are at present or may come under your control?"

The Communists on February 27 issued an order forbidding 17 foreign correspondents in Peiping to gather and file news. The Reds said the action was taken for military reasons.

Many newsmen silenced by the ban are members of the Foreign Correspondents' Club.—Associated Press.

Washington, March 22. Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan said today that the North Atlantic pact nations will meet any future aggressor with all the force needed to beat him to his knees.

The Republican foreign policy leader endorsed the new defence treaty as the best bet to keep the present cold war from getting hot.

Senator Vandenberg said: "The North Atlantic pact will tell any aggressor in 1949 that from the very moment he launches his conquest in this area (Atlantic security zone) he will face whatever united opposition, including that of the United States, is necessary to beat him to his knees."

But he specifically reserved judgment on the ancillary programme of shipping American arms to Europe.

Senator Vandenberg said in a speech before the United States conference of Mayors that America's self-interest demands adherence to the anti-aggression treaty.

Best Possible

He said that it is the greatest war deterrent ever devised. Senator Vandenberg spoke out strongly for the pact as the best possible peace enterprise in which the United States can engage in the self-interest of its own national security.

The Congress and the public should explore thoroughly the pact's implications because it represents the most important step in the American foreign policy since the promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine.

Good Faith

"It means that if another armed aggressor threatens any of us with a world war, all of us will forthwith unite to halt aggression before it becomes universal, and to defeat it before it becomes a universal conquest."

"All of us must take that pledge in good faith or we are better that we do not take it at all."

He reiterated the assurance of the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, that the pact threatens no nation other than the potential aggressor.—United Press.

Fantastic Story Of Arms Deal

Damascus, March 22. Allegations that a charming Czech Jewess induced a Syrian army major to divert to the Zionists 8,000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition, intended for the Syrian army, were made at a Damascus trial today.

The public prosecutor, demanding the death penalty for Major Fawzi Zaidan Bey, a relative of a former Syrian Premier, said that the arms and munitions were bought by the Syrian Army from Czechoslovakia last summer. They reached Italy on board a vessel captained by a Communist, who attempted to transfer them for the use of Italian Communists during the Italian elections.

The Italian authorities, ordered the ship to be sunk and this was carried out at Bari.

The Syrian Government then sent Major Bey to arrange for salvage of the cargo. After performing this, it was alleged, he was induced by the Czech Jewess and a substantial bribe to divert the shipment to the Zionists. He was to pretend the prosecution said, that all had been lost at sea en route to Syria.

The public prosecutor said today that the major was a traitor to his army, his country, Palestine, the whole Arab world and Islam.

The hearing of evidence was concluded today.—Associated Press.

ILSE KOCH

Frankfurt, March 22. General Lucius D. Clay announced today that the case of Ilse Koch is being re-investigated to determine if the one-time mistress of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp can be tried for new war crimes charges or for crimes against German inmates of the camp.—United Press.

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## Siam Wants A Pacific Pact

Bangkok, March 22. Siam is anxious to join any possible Pacific and Asian non-Communist defence bloc similar to the Atlantic Pact, a Siamese Cabinet spokesman said today.

He added that Siam is considerably interested in the possibility of a Pacific and Asian alliance emerging from the visit to Australia and New Zealand of Lord Lis-towel, the British envoy, on a special mission.—Reuter.

## Pakistan Post Taken By Iran

Karachi, March 23. The Pakistan Government said yesterday that Iranian troops had forcibly occupied a fortified Pakistan post on the common border of the two countries.

The post is known as Qilla Sufted. Iranian circles here said it was occupied to underscore long-standing demands by Iran for a realignment of the frontier.

There are two posts on the border, one controlled by Pakistan and the other by Iran. Pakistan said the Iranian forces occupied Qilla Sufted while a change in personnel was taking place there.

Pakistan has called the matter to the attention of Iran through the latter's Charge d'Affaires here.—Associated Press.

## Isolationism Is A Dead Letter

New York, March 22.

The Times, commenting on the Atlantic Pact, points out that United States, when signing the pact, will definitely turn away from isolationism.

Speaking about the second World War, the paper said: "The lesson we thus received was taught us by three dictatorships."

"They made us see that a remote farm house on the Nebraska plains was not safe if we turned our back to the world. They made us see our liberty was endangered by their dictatorialism."

"The three dictatorships that declared war on us in 1941 have vanished. Another dictatorship overshadowing a considerable part of the earth."

"We cannot in self-respect appease it by surrendering our principles."

"Now we shall try to keep peace by strength—by a strength which we never intend to lose except in common defence of the nations' territory and liberties, strength that is otherwise no menace to Russia or any other country."

"It is thus, in no warlike mood, that this nation takes up the North Atlantic pact. This is our pacifism, the most effective means we know to avoid bloodshed and destruction of civilisation."—United Press.

## APL Made Less Money In 1948

San Francisco, March 23. American President Lines reported yesterday that the Pacific coast maritime strike, disturbed conditions in the Orient and the lack of dollar exchange cut sharply into the company's 1948 operations.

Profit for the year was US\$1,400,000, equal to US\$1.03 a share of Class A common. Previous year's profit was US\$2,576,608. Number of vessels in the fleet was cut from 43 to 27.—Associated Press.

## RASMUSSEN ASKS FOR APPROVAL OF PACT

Copenhagen, March 22.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Gustav Rasmussen, today asked the Danish Parliament to endorse the Government's decision to join the North Atlantic Defence Pact.

Opening a pact debate in the Lower House, the Foreign Minister also asked for authorisation for the Government to ratify the treaty after the signing in Washington next month.

"Praising the Atlantic Pact as an alliance of the world's most peace loving peoples, Rasmussen said: 'We now have to choose between joining this pact or being left in isolation without any real means of defence, and without any guarantees of help in case of attack.'"

The Foreign Minister admitted that the Danish Government still thinks a Scandinavian defence alliance between Denmark, Norway and Sweden would be the best solution, but added that despite all efforts it had not been possible to reach such an agreement between the three countries.

"Instead, other democratic nations offered to co-operate with us," Mr. Rasmussen said. "And the Government finds it advisable to accept the offer to join the North Atlantic Pact."

Speaking of Greenland, the Foreign Minister said that during his recent visit to Washington the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, declared that the Greenland bases would never be used to promote aggressive purposes.

Not For Sale

"I found that Mr. Acheson vividly realised the necessity of a continued Danish administration of Greenland without interference from American authorities," Mr. Rasmussen declared, adding that the Secretary of State agreed that Denmark should gradually take over more and more of the establishments in Greenland now operated by Americans.

"I want to state clearly that Greenland has not been sold and to stress that it is not for sale," Mr. Rasmussen added.

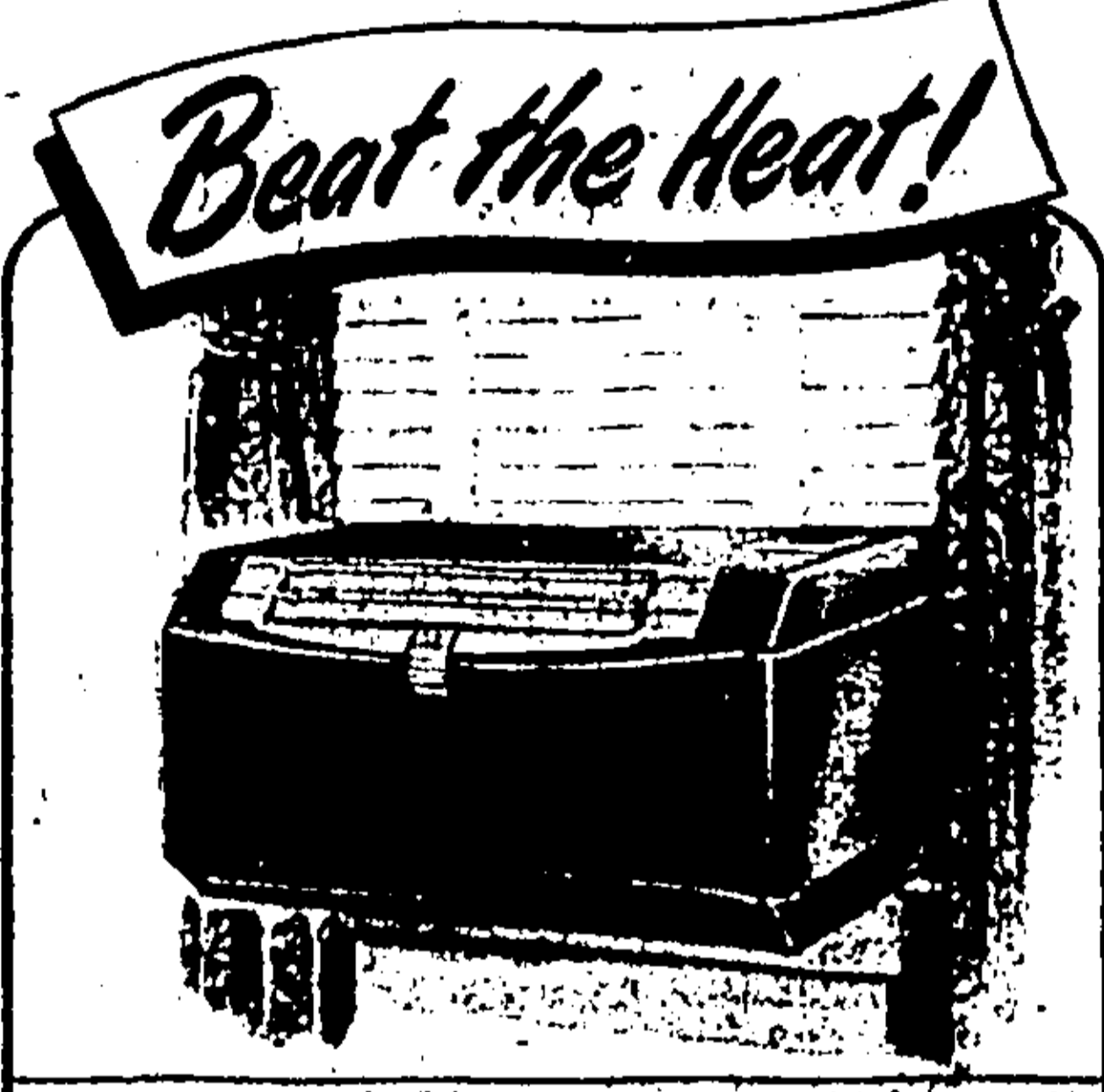
During the first part of his speech, the Foreign Minister was interrupted by youthful pro-Communist elements in the gallery, and the chairman of the House had to use his gavel several times to restore order.

Communist Plans

The debate will continue tomorrow with statements from Party leaders.

The Communists are planning large scale demonstrations against the pact in front of the Parliament buildings tomorrow afternoon.

Also the non-political "Peace Board", comprising such organisations as the Women's International Peace League, the One World Movement and the Danish UN Peace Association, will demonstrate tomorrow. These organisations, which have a total of only 25,000 members, are advocating a plebiscite on the question of Denmark joining the pact.—Associated Press.



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## ANGLO-ISRAELI FINANCIAL TALKS TO BEGIN SOON

London, March 22.

Formal talks to settle pressing financial and economic problems between Britain and Israel will begin in week or two.

Informants representing both countries reported today that a series of preliminary exchanges between the British Treasury and Mr. Joseph Linton, acting Israeli representative here, have now ended.

## P.I. Fights War Over

Manila, March 23.

Issues of the Spanish civil war are being fought all over again in Manila.

The controversy flared when the Spanish Minister, Teodoro de Aguilera Sales, objected to the presentation of a play written by the late Frederico Garcia Lorca, Spanish Republic author and poet killed by Falangists in 1936.

Father Angel de Blas, rector of the University of Santo Tomas, cancelled permission of the group of community players to stage "House of Bernard Alba" at the Catholic institution. Father Blas called the play immoral and detrimental to the reputation of the local Spanish community.

Lorca's play was staged in New York last year as "Blood Wedding." Mrs. Legarda, President of the stage group, said she would appeal to President Elpidio Quirino and the courts if necessary.—Associated Press.

## CONFIDENCE MAN SENTENCED

London, March 22.

Abraham Barnett Krutz, aged 57, a native of Odessa, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court here today to four years imprisonment for fraud. He was found guilty of obtaining £72,000 by false pretences from the Midland Bank. The judge said the prosecution was right in describing the case as a confidence trick of the most fantastic dimensions.—Reuter.

Britain has told the Israelis that the talks can begin as soon as the Tel Aviv Government makes an official request.

Only matters of urgent importance will be dealt with at these talks. Long-term subjects, such as the settlement of each country's claims and counter-claims, will have to await negotiation later in the year.

Issues which will come up when the first set of talks begin will include:

1. Gradual liquidation of the sterling balance Israel accumulated in Britain during the war.
2. A short-term payments agreement governing the financing of trade between the two countries.
3. Fixing of exchange rates between British and Israeli currencies.

## Safeguard Needed

Israel is expected to ask Britain to release part of her estimated \$8,000,000 credit in hard currency. The new state will also possibly want to make big purchases of capital equipment and machinery in Britain with some of her credits.

The question of Israel's entry into the British-controlled sterling area is unlikely to be tackled for some time. The British say that although they would like Israel in, they want to be satisfied first that Jews will conform with the overall sterling area policy of conserving hard currency and that the Jews will also provide the necessary safeguards for controlling currency exchange transactions.

Britain's Minister-designate to Israel, Mr. A. K. Helm, is expected to leave soon for Tel Aviv but so far no date has been fixed for his departure. He will probably go early next month.—Associated Press.

## Injunction Against Mr. Calwell

Melbourne, March 22.

The High Court of Australia today granted an interim injunction restraining the Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell, from taking action to repatriate two Melbourne Chinese, ordered to leave Australia.

These were the first repatriation orders to be contested since the High Court upheld last week the appeal of Mrs. Annie O'Keefe, an Indonesian, against another order.

Mr. Calwell today asserted his intention of placing before the Cabinet amendments to the Immigration Act, which would place beyond dispute the Government's power to repatriate who should be permitted to enter and remain in Australia.—Reuter.

## ROBESON MENTIONED IN KRAVCHENKO CASE

Paris, March 22.

A famous American citizen had to send his son to a Soviet university because none was available in the United States, Counsel for the Communist weekly, "Les Lettres Francaises," said here today in his closing plea in the libel suit brought against the journal by the Russian-born author, Victor Kravchenko.

The Counsel, Maitre Nordmann, was referring to the singer, Paul Robeson, now on a concert tour of Britain.

The trial, notable for the violent clashes between Kravchenko and defence witnesses, some brought here from the Soviet Union, is in its ninth week and is expected to end tonight.

Maitre Nordmann told the court that anti-Soviet writers,

like Kravchenko, often finished up in the Fascist camp.

One of the first translations of Kravchenko's best-selling autobiography, "I Chose Freedom," in which he described his experiences as a Soviet official, was published in Spain, defence counsel said.

In support of his argument, he also cited the case of Jacques Doriot, French ex-Communist, who fought with the Germans in Russia and was reported killed in an air raid in Germany in 1945.

M. Nordmann said that it was no accident that this trial was being held as Communist leaders in New York were being persecuted for their political beliefs.

He said he wanted to point out the kind of freedom Kravchenko had chosen—a kind that gave no freedom of education for a Negro singer's son.

## Mann's Warning

Maitre Nordmann quoted a warning which he said the German-born author, Thomas Mann, now an American citizen, had given against spiritual intolerance and attacks on democratic liberties, allegedly current in the United States, which Mr. Mann was alleged to have said reminded him of the period in Germany just before Hitler came to power.

Counsel said Kravchenko's book had been distributed free in many countries. Members of Parliament received copies and some French manufacturers obtained an abridged edition for their employees.

A French organisation, called Les Lettres de Paris, sold the book to their members at a loss. In Argentina, counsel continued, a manufacturer supplied free copies to the libraries of all French institutes.

Turning to the defence allegation that Kravchenko was a United States secret service agent, Maitre Nordmann said the plaintiff had enjoyed special protection from the United States Government while travelling with false papers.

## Soviet Allegation

Eminent French citizens, like the poet Paul Eluard, were refused entry visa to the United States, and Madame Irene Joliot Curie, wife of Professor Joliot Curie, Atomic Energy Commission, was arrested at Ellis Island when entering the country, defence counsel went on, but Kravchenko had special privileges.

He contended that the French Government must have known Kravchenko was using a false name when they granted him an entry visa.

Maitre Nordmann said he had asked Major-General William Donovan, wartime head of the United States Office of Strategic Services, to give evidence at the trial, but had not had a reply.

Defence counsel produced what he described as an official statement from the Soviet Foreign Affairs Ministry giving details of alleged acts by three of Kravchenko's witnesses from displaced persons camps. The Soviet Government has asked the French Government for their extradition on the ground that they were war criminals.

## Besieged By Women

At this point, Kravchenko's counsel, Maitre Izard, shouted angrily: "It is abominable!" He said the statement had not been communicated to him.

Maitre Nordmann said that he had received the statement from Soviet witnesses, who got it from their Government.

For two minutes the earlier sessions were recalled as the two lawyers shouted at each other.

Kravchenko, who had not attended the trial last week or yesterday, was besieged by auto-graph hunters, mostly fashionably dressed women, during the afternoon session. They offered copies of "I Chose Freedom" or court passes for his signature.

Judgment will probably be given in a week or a fortnight.—Reuter.

## Russia Building Up Far North

Montreal, March 22.

Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, American explorer and scientist, believes that Canada and the United States are neglecting the Arctic while the Soviet Union is busy encouraging its people to colonise there.

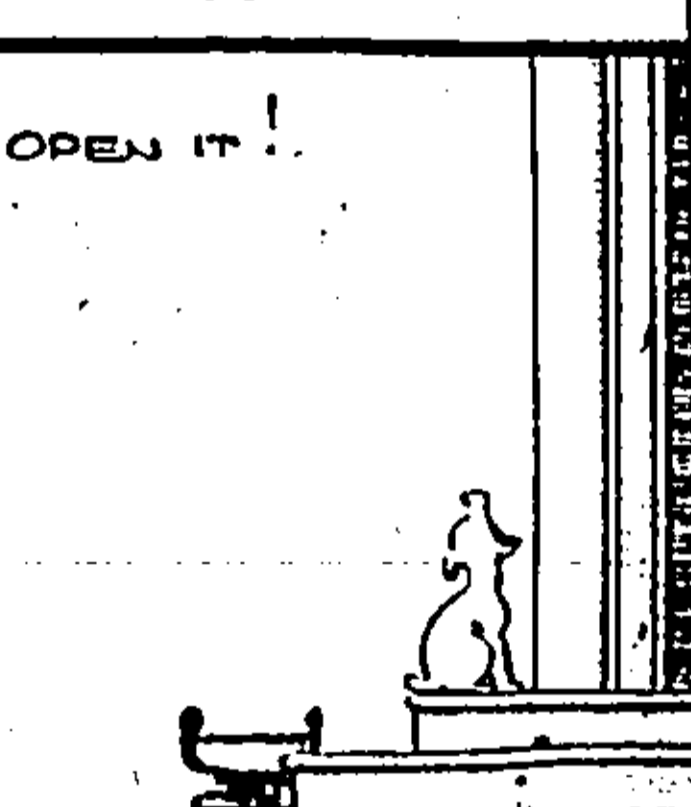
The Soviet plan, he said, calls for a productive self-supporting communities and at Igarka, 50 miles inside the Arctic circle, barley, oats, rye, root crops and hay are grown.

The city of Norilsk, which is over 200 miles further North than any part of the Canadian mainland, has a population of some 40,000 people, stated Dr. Stefansson.

It also has a railway, experimental farms, hothouses and presumably an agricultural college and a liberal arts college, he said.

In the event of another war, which he said, would be a North-South war, the Soviet Union with more cities in the North would be in a better position than would be North America.—United Press.

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Through Numbers (10 Races—\$22) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 8th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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"PRODUCE"	Yokohama & Kobe	3 p.m. 3rd April
"TINIAN"	Swatow	31st Mar.
"FOYANG"	Bangkok	4th April
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## HK TRADING STATISTICS

## Exports To China Show Increase

Exports from Hong Kong to China increased considerably during February as compared with the previous month. Imports, however, decreased.

Of the total imports of HK\$161,595,087, a declared value of HK\$8,284,214 came from North China; HK\$2,393,483 from Central China; and HK\$23,330,435 from South China; as compared with HK\$9,422,141; HK\$2,568,143, and HK\$27,815,673, respectively, in January.

Included in the total February exports of HK\$135,454,353, a declared value of HK\$7,915,268 from North China; HK\$3,335,061 from Central China; and HK\$11,778,941 from South China was recorded in February as compared with HK\$2,712,885; HK\$2,026,004, and HK\$7,830,335, respectively, in the previous month.

Values of imports and exports by countries in February follow:

COUNTRIES	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
United Kingdom	10,837,370	24,487,487
Australia	4,207,563	4,622,474
Canada	3,475,240	4,175,363
Ceylon	107,131	42,489
East Africa	466,494	129,884
India	644,953	1,352,925
Malaya (Br.)	6,094,250	3,461,652
New Zealand	704,769	958,314
North Borneo	955,849	205,052
Portugal	955,849	205,052
South Africa	955,849	205,052
West Africa	955,849	205,052
West Indies	955,849	205,052
U.S.A.	8,109,048	5,907,425
Belgium	2,703,778	488,710
Holland	716,663	2,408,254
China, North	3,362,673	3,362,673
China, Middle	1,947,845	1,947,845
China, South	16,135,876	23,330,435
Cuba	1,135,876	915
C. America	1,135,876	915
Denmark	1,135,876	915
Egypt	1,135,876	915
France	1,135,876	915
Germany	1,135,876	915
Greece	1,135,876	915
Holland	1,135,876	915
Italy	1,135,876	915
Japan	1,135,876	915
Korea, South	1,135,876	915
Korea, North	1,135,876	915
Madagascar	1,135,876	915
Neth. E. Indies	1,135,876	915
Philippines	1,135,876	915
Portugal	1,135,876	915
Riam	1,135,876	915
R. America	1,135,876	915
Spain	1,135,876	915
Sweden	1,135,876	915
Switzerland	1,135,876	915
U.S.A.	1,135,876	915
U.R.S.S.	1,135,876	915
Others	1,135,876	915
Total	131,243,468	161,595,087
Total Foreign	48,323,636	48,323,636
Total	82,919,832	113,271,451

## Values by chapters in February follow:

ARTICLES	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
Live animals, chiefly for food	1,728,478	1,664,732
Meat and preparations thereof	174,447	345,234
Dairy products, eggs and honey	1,099,349	4,711,248
Fishery products, for food	2,746,536	3,895,693
Cereals	5,724,061	4,601,540
Manufactured products of cereals, chiefly for human food	8,206,872	4,533,332
Fruits and nuts, except oil-nuts	1,853,945	2,685,100
Vegetables, roots and tubers, chiefly used for human food	8,416,360	4,138,118
Vegetables, roots and tubers, & their preparations, n.e.s.	6,609,842	891,638
Sugar and sugar confectionery	1,336,315	1,469,076
Coffee, tea, cocoa and preparations thereof, n.e.s.	623,061	931,094
Beverages and vinegars	623,061	931,094
Feeding stuffs for animals, n.e.s.	4,510	30,364
Oil-seeds, nuts and kernels	8,971,080	3,005,094
Animal and vegetable oil, fats, greases and waxes and their manufactures, n.e.s.	1,148,529	469,719
Chemical elements and compounds; pharmaceutical products	10,652,374	8,487,726
Dyeing, tanning and colouring substances (not including crude materials)	6,991,848	7,616,650
Essential oils, perfumery cosmetics, soaps and related products	7,722,979	8,770,080
Fertilizers	618,018	1,629,262
Rubber and manufactures thereof, n.e.s.	805,878	448,400
Wood, cork and manufactures thereof, n.e.s.	1,182,534	2,128,792
Pulp, paper and cardboard and manufactures thereof	2,313,014	5,016,822
Hide and skins and leather manufactures of leather, not including articles of clothing	4,689,658	4,107,479
Furs, of made up	75,094	44,017
Textile materials, raw or simply prepared	17,324	622,680
Yarns and threads	628,032	2,646,705
Textile fabrics and small wares	8,711,893	8,816,038
Special and technical textile articles	9,164,652	14,862,018
Clothing and underwear of textile materials; hats of all materials	924,009	602,819
Clothing of leather and fur	1,200,418	1,072,381
Footwear, boots, shoes and slippers	81,320	4,200
Made-up articles of textile materials other than clothing	137,488	150,468
Products for heating, lighting and power, lubricants and related products	945,402	1,907,481
Non-metallic minerals, crude or simply prepared, n.e.s.	6,121,936	17,018,381
Pottery and other clay products	6,121,936	17,018,381
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	816,364	1,009,118
Precious metals and precious stones, pearls and articles made of these materials	816,364	1,009,118
Iron, steel, alloys and manufactures of iron and steel	816,364	1,009,118
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	816,364	1,009,118
Machinery, apparatus and electrical equipment, n.e.s.	816,364	1,009,118
Transport equipment, n.e.s.	816,364	1,009,118
Other manufactures, n.e.s.	816,364	1,009,118
Gold and specie	816,364	1,009,118
Total	131,243,468	161,595,087

## Value by country in the first two months of the year follow:

COUNTRIES	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
United Kingdom	22,276,475	46,977,942
Australia	4,676,789	5,027,874
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Holland	716,663	2,408,254
China, North	3,362,673	3,362,673
China, Middle	1,947,845	1,947,845
China, South	16,135,876	23,330,435
Cuba	1,135,876	915
C. America	1,135,876	915
Denmark	1,135,876	915
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Sweden	1,135,876	915
Switzerland	1,135,876	915
U.S.A.	1,135,876	915
U.R.S.S.	1,135,876	915
Others	1,135,876	915
Total	131,243,468	161,595,087
Total Foreign	48,323,636	48,323,636
Total	82,919,832	113,271,451

## Chapter values for the first two months of the year follow:

ARTICLES	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
Live animals, chiefly for food	4,812,947	9,222,331
Meat and preparations thereof	661,039	4,322,182
Dairy products, eggs and honey	3,491,176	9,172,787
Fishery products, for food	6,854,747	9,195,859
Cereals	14,662,232	11,261,450
Manufactured products of cereals, chiefly for human food	4,285,300	6,982,482
Fruits and nuts, except oil-nuts	4,319,348	5,411,369
Vegetables, roots and tubers, chiefly used for human food & their preparations, n.e.s.	8,477,042	7,142,011
Sugar and sugar confectionery	7,204,945	2,887,978
Coffee, tea, cocoa and preparations thereof; spices	2,206,005	9,046,899
Beverages and vinegars	1,646,847	1,779,987
Feeding stuffs for animals, n.e.s.	11,817	867,990
Oil-seeds, nuts and kernels	6,400,831	9,935,489
Animal and vegetable oil, fats, greases and waxes and their manufactures, n.e.s.	1,661,381	712,958
Chemical elements and compounds; pharmaceutical products	24,449,877	20,668,600
Dyeing, tanning and colouring substances (not including crude materials)	16,859,442	17,128,333
Essential oils, perfumery cosmetics, soaps and related products	17,578,183	8,396,587
Fertilizers	1,821,290	2,768,327
Rubber and manufactures thereof, n.e.s.	1,012,182	746,061
Wood, cork and manufactures thereof, n.e.s.	8,529,175	4,516,290
Pulp, paper and cardboard and manufactures thereof	5,727,432	6,443,780
Hide and skins and leather manufactures of leather, not including articles of clothing	12,844,591	6,771,534
Furs, of made up	4,487,295	8,718,978
Textile materials, raw or simply prepared, n.e.s.	95,354	89,832
Yarns and threads	180,344	674,000
Textile fabrics and small wares	2,831,497	6,222,041
Special and technical textile articles	16,635,333	14,564,094
Clothing and underwear of textile materials; hats of all materials	18,007,216	29,508,920
Clothing of leather and fur	882,598	669,093
Footwear, boots, shoes and slippers	2,451,294	3,076,810
Made-up articles of textile materials other than clothing	66,392	1,420
Products for heating, lighting and power, lubricants and related products	209,111	270,981
Non-metallic minerals, crude or simply prepared, n.e.s.	2,380,412	2,076,843
Pottery and other clay products	18,211,728	24,724,794
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	9,742,728	3,803,384
Precious metals and precious stones, pearls and articles made of these materials	1,410,043	1,044,927
Iron, steel, alloys and manufactures of iron and steel	2,299,468	1,072,568
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	501,222	688,844
Machinery, apparatus and electrical equipment, n.e.s.	431,854	1,024,019
Transport equipment, n.e.s.	3,149,081	8,068,318
Other manufactures, n.e.s.	7,317,128	8,641,911
Gold and specie	1,168,221	8,161,743
Total	210,998,076	281,221,389

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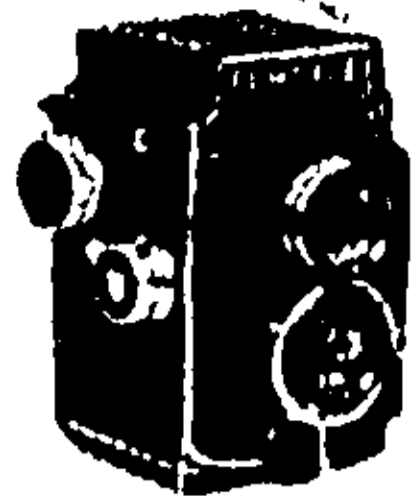
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## GRAND EXHIBITION BY TSUI AND LEUNG

### Annual Meeting of LBA

As the lawn bowls season is fast approaching, the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at 5.30 p.m. at the South China Morning Post Board Room.

Last year, the Association had a very successful season and besides running two leagues, they also sponsored various competitions and sent an inter-club team to Shanghai.

Last October, under the management of Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hong Kong won the Inter-club from Shanghai by two matches to one winning the first two games and losing the third.

The team was composed of R. F. da Luz, C. S. Russell, J. S. Landolt, W. H. Sling, Len Sykes and T. A. Madar.

In the Open Leagues, Club de Bercia won both the First and Second Division.

Other results were: Singles, Championship, winner, J. A. da Luz, runner-up, K. M. Omar.

Doubles, Championship, winners, W. H. Sling and A. M. Omar, runners-up, C. Roza Pereira and F. V. Ribeiro.

Rolls Championship, winners, I. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar, and U. M. Omar, runners-up, E. F. Pope, A. Atkins, G. E. F. Thompson and L. Sykes (skip).

International Shield, winner, Pakistan (M. I. Razack, K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (skip)), runners-up, Philippines (L. Silver, D. A. Rozario, W. C. Orley and A. E. Contes (skip)).

The Attenkhead Shield was won by Hong Kong.

### CLUB 1st XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club in their First Division soccer match against South China "A" at Caroline Hill on Saturday, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

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Superior in courtcraft and variety of strokes, Tsui Wai-pui, the reigning Colony champion, defeated Roch Leung yesterday in the Semi-final of the Colony Open Singles Tennis Championship.

Those who kept away from the game because of the weather or a preconceived idea that Tsui would have an easy win, missed a grand exhibition of delightful tennis, punctuated with spells of sparkling and exciting rallies at the net as well as from the baseline.

Both players found the slightly soft court ideal for the exploitation of their specialised strokes, resulting in a brand of tennis that was entirely different from that witnessed in the K.H. Ip-Tsu Yun-pui encounter.

Tsui had the advantage of a wider range of such strokes, which included spins, undercuts, and a more effective, particularly his backhand along-the-line slices which forced Tsui to not his returns repeatedly.

Leung, though only two years ahead of his opponent in age, backed his staying power, and although he put up a gallant and spirited fight, had to concede the match to a player who constantly altered his length, pace, strokes and patterns of attack.

### How The Games Went

Rock Leung started with a surprising show of aggressiveness. A beautiful side-line drive to Tsui's backhand, skidded along the ground forcing Tsui to hit out.

He followed his next two services up with perfect cross-court volleys that had Tsui completely beaten to lead 4-0.

Tsui managed to pass him at the net for the next point, but Leung retaliated with a similar passing cross-court drive when Tsui attempted to near the net.

Down 4-1, Tsui put across three irretrievable slice-drives and a half court cut to take the second game to 15. Leung maintained his lead after his next service when his slices found the top-corners Leung at the net.

Continuing the same pattern of play, Leung took the next three games in a row to lead 5-1.

Tsui now began to hit harder, and changed to full-length drives from base-line to base-line, keeping Leung well back to the base. Leung tried to bridge the distance to the net, but Tsui cleverly passed him with his drives, and forced Leung to take his volleys in the run, committing him to

repeated errors. Tsui caught up to 4-5, only to throw away his service game for the first set.

### Seven Deuces

Leung had no difficulty in taking the lead in the second set with his service, when Tsui after being aced, netted two points and drove his last service out.

The second game proved to be the longest of the evening going to seven deuces before Tsui won it with a well angled backhand half court drive.

A sparkling rally of volleys at the net featured the next game. Tsui came out better in the exchanges and captured Leung's service game to lead 2-1. This was the beginning of a series of receiver's games until Tsui broke the sequence after 4-3 and went on to win his service game.

After conceding the first game in the third set, Leung tried to force the pace, but found Tsui equal to the occasion, returning drive for drive, and volley for volley.

Leung's spiritedness took effect, when Tsui temporarily slackened his half-court cross drives and drop shot, causing less accurate returns, thus enabling Leung to counter them with deadly slice drives.

From 0-2, Leung went on to lead 4-2, but the piece began to tell on him. Quick to seize the advantage, Tsui started to mark his opponent, ran from corner to corner with well-placed drive and cuts, which the game Leung tried to retrieve, but found the flesh unwilling. Tsui took the set at 6-4.

### Played Out

Leung again took a lead in the fourth set of 2-0, only to be forced to take a breather by conceding the next two games to Tsui.

Slightly refreshed, Leung carried on with the same unerring accuracy that caught Tsui by surprise and won the fifth game.

Lack of staying power compelled Leung to trail behind again, as Tsui's drop shots seemed to recede further from his reach. The ones that he could get to now came back to the other corner too fast for him to intercept.

Trailing 3-5, after losing three games in succession, he gathered a little more stamina to deal with Tsui's wily placements, and quickly retrieved shot after shot to level the score to 5-5.

By now, Leung seemed to be completely spent by his efforts, and Tsui had no difficulty in outpacing him in the following two games for set and match.

Full scores:

### Full Scores

Colony Open Singles Championship Semi-final: Tsui Wai-pui beat Roch Leung, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Club Mixed Doubles: P. H. Bonnerman and Mrs. V. Slaughter beat J. D. Clague and Mrs. Clague, 6-0.

H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. D. F. Allen beat D. Nolan and Mrs. J. B. Kite.

J. V. Sellors and Mrs. G. L. Marshall beat E. Bathurst and Mrs. Bathurst.

W. J. D. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper beat D. L. Prophet and Mrs. Prophet.

G. Smart and Mrs. Stroobach beat G. S. Coxhead and Mrs. Coxhead.

### Today's Games

Club Open Singles Final: Stand Court: B. T. M. Jones v. R. Segalen.

Club Handicap Singles: J. Harrow v. H. Meyer.

Club Mixed Doubles: J. D. Blackie and Mrs. Standaloff v. M. Heenan and Mrs. E. Linton.

P. H. Bonnerman and Mrs. V. Slaughter v. J. V. Sellors and Mrs. G. L. Marshall.

G. Smart and Mrs. Stroobach v. W. J. D. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper.

### YMCA HOCKEY XI

The YMCA Hockey Team to meet the University on Sunday March 27, will be:

Robertson, Smith, Bull, D. Ingles, Gibbons, Clemb, Blankinship, A. Ingles, Boycott, Jacques, Slater, Rees, Coyne. The game starts at 10 a.m.

Details of location of pitch etc., will be posted on the notice board in the YMCA on Friday or before.



Rear-Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma pictured in polo kit as he arrived at the Maresa Polo Ground on Malta. He led the British Mediterranean Fleet to a 3-2 victory over the United Services Sports Club for the coveted Gawnport Cup. (AP Photo).

## Medina Beaten By British Boxer

London, March 22.

Theo Medina, French bantamweight champion, was beaten on points here tonight over eight pounds by Ray Fitton, of Manchester.

## RAF Beat Siamese At Soccer

The Air Command Far East soccer team beat the Royal Siamese Air Force by three goals to two in a match played recently at Bangkok.

The RAF team, captained by Flight Lieutenant R. H. Syrett, flew from Changi, Singapore, to Bangkok. On arrival they were met by the Air Attache, Wing Commander J. N. I. Whitworth, and the Officer Commanding the airfield, Wing Commander Chul-lunpui.

The following morning was spent in sight-seeing, including visits to the Royal Palace grounds and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha—the oldest temple in Siam.

Played at the National Stadium, the game was watched by a crowd of about 6,000, including the British Ambassador, Sir Geoffrey Thompson and Lady Thompson, the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Air Force, Air Marshal Sir Patrick, and senior representatives of the Siamese Government and Services.

The game was very even, the winning goal being scored three minutes before the end. Scores for the RAF were: Air-Commander W. Dutton (2) and Flight Lieutenant Syrett. After the match the RAF team was presented with a cup, and individual players were given locally-made silver cuff links.

## BADMINTON DECISION

At a Committee Meeting of the Hong Kong Badminton Association last evening, it was decided that the winners of the two Sections in the Men's Doubles "B" Division League will play off the final to decide the Champions.

Kowloon Tong "A", with one more game to play, lead in Section 1 with 20 points. University follow closely with 18 points and two games to play.

Leaders in Section 11 are Chinese YMCA who have not lost a single match.

### ONLY COMMENT

London, March 22. When told that he had won £49,232 in a football pool, Thomas Edward Nicholls, a tool setter, declared, "Oh dear." That was his only comment.

Nicholls had had only a 24-hour win from the pools in two years. Reuter.

Fitton, who was deputising for the London boxer, Danny O'Sullivan, deserved his victory, boxing cleverly against the experienced French champion.

Making his first London appearance, Fitton used a long left lead to the fullest advantage.

Medina attacked with tigerish rushes, but the Manchester boxer shortened his punches cleverly in countering.

The Frenchman, though he fought gamely, was only a shadow of the man who beat Jackie Patterson two years ago.

Fitton, a "poker-faced" boxer, was not at all frightened by the reputation of the former European champion and punched away coolly to gain a good win on points.

Fernando Jannilli, the Italian welterweight champion, beat Eric Boon, former lightweight champion of Britain, Boon being disqualified in the sixth round of a ten rounds' contest for allegedly not giving of his best.

Boon looked extremely fit and gave the impression that he could knock the Italian out when he liked.

Jannilli, although he backed away for the greater part of the time, did at least connect with some left hands, and he kept scoring when Boon failed to take advantage of the many opportunities which presented themselves.

During the fourth round the referee urged both boxers to make a fight of it. He repeated his warning three times before disqualifying Boon.

The contest was fought to the accompaniment of catcalls, slow clapping, booing and the intermittent blowing of whistles by the audience.

Ludien draw with Joe Hyman, of British Gulana, over an eight-round middleweight contest. Reuter.

## Lai Wai Suspended

At a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA on Tuesday night, Lai Wai of the Sports Club was suspended until December 31, 1949.

Lai Wai was sent off the field by Mr. J. Ward, referee, during the First Division soccer match between St. Joseph's and Police on the Club Ground on Sunday, March 18.

The Sub-Committee found Lai Wai guilty of deliberately kicking at the face of St. Joseph's in such a manner as might have caused serious injury.

### RECREIO 2nd XI

The following will represent Club de Recreio 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match against IRC at King's Park on Saturday: A. E. Noronha (Captain), E. A. Alves, J. L. Alves, L. E. Guterres, L. A. Luz, A. O. Almeida, D. R. Mendes, L. J. Ramalho, D. M. Rodrigues, L. Vilela.

## FA CUP SEMI-FINAL BATTLES THIS WEEK

(By "ALCYDES")

The highlight in home soccer this week-end is undoubtedly the FA Cup Semi-finals, in which Portsmouth and Leicester meet at Highbury, and Manchester United (the holders) clash with Wolverhampton at Hillsborough, Sheffield.

Interest in the league games will be centred around the games at Huddersfield in Division One and Fulham in the Second Division, where Newcastle and Sheffield Wednesday are the respective visitors.

Pompey in their Jubilee year will be out to clinch the League-Cup double. Incidentally, Aston Villa were the last team to accomplish this feat, and that was way back in 1897. Portsmouth are going great guns this season and

look just the team to pull it off. Leicester City will have to be at their best form if they have any ambitions of a 1949 Wembley. As coincidence will have it, the last time Leicester reached the Semi-final, which was in 1934, their opponents then were Portsmouth—they lost 4-1 on that occasion!

Manchester United, who once also had ambitions of completing the double, will be up against much stiffer opposition in Wolverhampton and I foresee a realising-dog battle in this game. Wolves' cup records are quite impressive when one considers that this is their eighth appearance in semi-final rounds. Yes, without a doubt this should prove the best match of the day. By virtue of their consistent form throughout the season I am tipping the United in this game.

## Thrills In Varsity Golf

Hoylake, March 22.

Oxford and Cambridge shared the honours in the foursomes in the Diamond Jubilee Inter-Varsity golf match on the Royal Liverpool Clubs course here today, each side winning two matches, with one halved.

Tomorrow, 10 singles over 36 holes will be played. Oxford with six Old Blues in their team are fancied to win for the third year in succession.

A brilliant recovery by the Cambridge tall pair, Ian Stackhouse and Roger Ingles, who were cheered to a one-hole victory on the 36th green over J. Whitlock and A. MacDonald, allowed Cambridge to draw level.

A magnificent mashie shot from the rough to the centre of the last green by Stackhouse was the climax of a thrilling finish.

Today's results (Oxford names first) were: J. Kitchin and J. Tatum beat P. Key and J. Coulter three and two.

O. Lough and D. Houlding lost to R. Black and P. Bayne three and two.

E. Hurst and T. Harker halved with R. Ames and A. Welby. J. Whitlock and A. MacDonald lost to I. Stackhouse and J. Ingles by one hole.—Reuter.

## Borotra's Fine Show

New York, March 22.

Seventh-seeded Fred Kovaleski of Williamsburg needed all of his youthful vigour today to defeat 51-year-old Jean Borotra of France, 7-5, 16-14, to enter the quarter final round of the National Indoor Tennis Tournament.

Kovaleski was accompanied into the bracket by second-seeded Billy Talbot of New York, third-seeded Earl Cochell of San Francisco and eighth-ranked Edward McGrath of Brooklyn.

But Borotra, who gained international fame in his youth as the "Bourgeois Basque," made the William & Mary College student work and worry for the third round win. Borotra won this tournament in 1923, 1927, 1929 and 1931. Today's matches completed the quarter-final bracket.—United Press.

## U.S. BASEBALL

New York, March 22.

Today's exhibition baseball scores: Baltimore Orioles of the International League 2, Philadelphia Athletics 5 (at West Palm Beach, Florida); Boston Red Sox 7, Philadelphia Phillies 0 (at Clearwater, Fla.); Detroit Tigers 0, New York Yankees 11 (innings at St. Petersburg); Minneapolis Millers of the American Association 7, Washington Senators 8 (at Orlando, Fla.); Chicago Cubs 13, Chicago White Sox 0 (at Hollywood); Cleveland Indians 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 2 (at San Bernardino); New York Giants 9, St. Louis Browns 3 (at Burbank, California).—United Press.

## BANK'S LINE-UP

The following will represent the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank in a cricket match against Dodwell & Co. Ltd. on Sunday, March 27, on the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground starting at 11 a.m.: R. S. Cull, G. B. Haynes, C. W. Meredith, D. H. Leach, W. H. Lloyd, R. H. Nelson, I. O. T. Shi, A. L. Smith, G. A. Stewart, M. W. Turner and C. D. Walker.

## INQUEST SUICIDE VERDICT

The story of a police constable, Kwok Kin-chui, aged 26 who shot a woman and then killed himself in a room in Good View Hotel was the subject of an inquiry into his death at Central yesterday.

As a result of the shooting the woman lost her eyesight.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, sat as coroner and was assisted by a jury composed of two women and a man. Inspector Sykes conducted the inquiry.

Inspector Sykes said in October last year Kwok was alleged to have been in love with a married woman, Lam Yuen.

Kwok was dismissed from the service on November 25. Lam then went and stayed with her mother-in-law at No. 61 Lockwood Road.

Kwok continued to see Lam and on November 28 took Lam and Lo Yuet-ngo for a car ride and later to the Good View Hotel, where he booked a room.

At that time Kwok had a service revolver with him in the car of the evening at the hotel. Lo wanted to take Lam away but Kwok refused to let her go.

Kwok then told Lo not to tell any one about the revolver and to put up a fictitious story about himself and Lam.

On November 29 the room boy in the hotel heard a cry of "leave life" and on going into the room, found Lam unconscious and Kwok dead.

The fact, continued Inspector Sykes, that Kwok armed himself before taking Lam to the hotel indicated an intention of injuring Lam.

The motive behind the action may be inferred as refusal of Lam to marry him, refusal to go away with him and belief that Lam was responsible for losing his job.

Dr. Y. L. Wong said that he examined the body of Kwok and found a gun shot wound on the head. Death was due to cerebral haemorrhage and gun shot wound.

A verdict of suicide was returned by the jury.

## Parker And Cramm Win

Alexandria, March 22.

Frank Parker of Los Angeles and Germany's Barbo Gotfried von Cramm today entered the doubled semi-finals of the Alexandria Lawn tennis championship, by defeating the Greek team of M. Stallios and A. Nicolaidis, 6-0, 6-0.

Budge Patty, also of Los Angeles, and Australia's Jack Harpur advanced with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over the Czech-Egyptian team of Vladimir Cernik and Adley Shafel.

Patty also teamed with Mrs. Nelly Landry of France to defeat Egypt's Talat in a pre-race battle. Kingbird 1-1, 6-2 in the mixed doubles quarter finals.—United Press.

## OUTSIDER NOT TO RUN

London, March 22.

Rowland Roy, 40-1 outsider, will not run in the Grand National steeplechase on Saturday.

The trainer, Fulke Walwyn, reported that the horse pulled up sore after his final gallop today. His departure brings the field of probable starters down to 47 for the 4½-mile Aintree Classic.

Once the favourites in a pre-race betting, Rowland Roy faded in backers' opinion this month. He was sixth in the 1948 National won by Sheila's Cottage.—Associated Press.

Four armed robbers got away with money and valuables totalling more than \$8,000 when they held up No. 20 Tai Nam Street, first floor, Shamshuipo, shortly before 8 a.m. yesterday.

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